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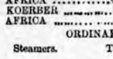

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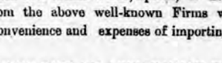

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EIGHT ARTICLES, BY

P. F. Warner (of Middlesex; Captain of England);

A. A. Lilley (England's greatest wicket-keeper);

A. O. Jones (Captain of Notts);

A. E. Knight (Leicestershire's chief stay; an accomplished writer on Cricket).

G. L. Jessop (Captain of Gloucestershire; has played many times for England);

J. T. Tyldesley (of Lancashire; England's surest bat);

B. J. T. Bosanquet (of Middlesex);

A. C. MacLaren (Captain of Lancashire).

NOTE.

The articles are bright and attractive to the general reader, and written by men whose names are right to the front in Cricket matters. We have selected for treatment new, practical, and original subjects, and the matter is in every case personal and anecdotal. Mr. Warner led the team which regained our Cricket prestige in Australia; he has played Cricket in many climes; Mr. G. L. Jessop, the famous hitter, gives reminiscences of the new style and the old; Mr. A. A. Lilley, as wicket-keeper, has new views on the present state of Cricket (he is this season to be the worthy recipient of a National testimonial); Mr. J. T. Tyldesley, a keen observer and player, writes of games won and lost through forcing the game.

PROGRAMME.

P. F. Warner,
The Greatest Game I ever Played in.

A. A. Lilley,
How to Brighten Cricket.

A. O. Jones,
The Virtue of Hitting Hard and Hitting Often.

J. T. Tyldesley,
The Art and Advantage of Forcing the Game.

A. C. MacLaren,
How Good Fielding Helps the Bowler.

B. J. T. Bosanquet,
The Value of Unorthodox Cricket.

A. E. Knight,
The Bowler and the "Sporting" Wicket.

G. L. Jessop,
Hitters of To-day and Yesterday.

HUMOUR

New Series of Eight . . . . .
REALLY LAUGHABLE SKETCHES
BY

F. P. Dunne,
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Athol Forbes,
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(Author of "Humours of London Life," &c.)

J. J. Bell,
(Author of "Wee McGreegor," &c.)

G. B. Burgin,
(Author of "Taxter's Little Maid," &c.)

S. Baring-Gould,
(Author of "John Herring," &c.)

Edwin Pugh,
(Author of "The Purple Head.")

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PROGRAMME.

1. "Mr. Dooley on Glory," F. P. DUNNE.
2. "The Humours of Marrying," ATHOL FORBES.
3. "The Mediator," J. J. BELL.
4. "The Man from Queen Street," G. B. BURGIN.
5. "The Silent One," EDWIN PUGH.
6. "Spoilt Men and Women," A. ST. JOHN ADCOCK.
7. "Cabman 7015," J. M. JACOBS.
8. "Lost on the Sands: a Summer Episode," S. BARING-GOULD.

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The steamer Chifton Hall, 2,533 tons, Captain D Jones, sailed yesterday for Calcutta in ballast.

The steamer Calthness, 2,222 tons Captain R W Taylor, will sail to-day for London and Antwerp, with a general cargo.

The steamer Harperley, 2566 tons, Captain E Fletcher, arrived in harbour yesterday from Portsaid, in ballast.

The steamer Shirley, 2,198 tons Captain J T Burno, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal.

The N Y Kaisha steamer Tientson Maru, 2,975 tons, Captain T Tibble, will sail to-day for Kobe &c, with a general cargo.

The City Line, steamer City of Karachi 3,543 tons Captain F Snow, will sail to-day for Karachi, with the same bottom cargo.

The B I S N Co's steamer Dumia, 762 tons Captain H M Cutbush, will sail to-day for Persian Gulf &c with a general cargo and 600 deck passengers.

The Hansa Line steamer Rheinfels 3,540 tons Captain G D Dirks, will sail to-day for Hamburg &c, with a general cargo and Mr H Weingrem as a passenger.

The German East Africa Line steamer Reichstag 1,339 tons, Captain H Thle, arrived in harbour yesterda from Durban with a general cargo and 8 cabin an 238 deck passengers.

The Hall Line steamer Wistow Hall, 2,186 tons Captain J S Meria arrived in harbour on the 9th instant from Glasgow and Liverpool with a general cargo and Miss Ruse and 1 deck passenger.

The B I S N Co's, steamer Lhasa, 942 tons, Captain H McDiarmed, arrived in Bombay harbour yesterday from Karachi via coast ports, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—6 gentlemen and 4 boys Westminster Glee party, Mrs Percival, Mr,Rewine and child, Mrs Sherwell and child, Madame Horton, Major-General Martin C B, Lieut Chedwick, Asst Surg White, Mrs Smith, and Mrs Darling and 2 children, Mr and Mrs Roars, Mr Pallis, Mr Plister, Mr Madden, Mr Vlaslo, Mr Adwardson, Rev Preston and 287 deck.

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H M S Lapwing .....Comdr Barker .....R Navy
R I M S Hardinge .....Comdr G A Rose .....R I Marine

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—April 10.

Alston.....2665 Wyatt.....The Captain
Anchencrag .....2542 Read.....
Baron Cawdor.....2764 Gensley .....Graham & Co
Colombo Maru.....2920 Homma .....N Y Kaisha
Dumra.....763 Cuthbush .....M M & Co
Hibi.....719 Isaiveson .....F Campbell & Co
Hamala.....1541 Butler .....M M & Co
Harperley.....2566 Fletcher .....
Kois .....410 Moxon.....M M & Co
Lhasa .....942 .....M M & Co
Nerbudda .....1960 Williams .....M M & Co
Oriental .....3805 Lowellen .....25-3 P & O Co
Peninsular.....2919 Palmer .....Aden .....20-4 P & O Co
Queen Mendor.....2270 Legg .....K Nixon & Co
Reichstag .....1339 Thle .....A Strandes
Shanjehan.....2966 Davison.....Shah S N Co
Shahnoor .....2783 Evans .....Shah S N Co
Sangola .....3349 Stunt.....M M & Co
Sanchia .....3332 Phillips .....M M & Co
Shirley .....1198 Burns .....
Wistow Hall.....2186 Meria .....K Nixon & Co

VESSELS IN DOCK—April 10.

PRINCE'S DOCK,

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
A	Tientsin Maru	2973	Tibbels	Kobe	11-4	N Y Kaisha
B	Queensborough	1591	Turner	Kobe	10-4	F M & Co
C & R	Chanda	3951	Tice	K'chi	11-4	M M & Co
D & E	City of Kobi	3542	Snow	Karachi	11-4	K Nixon & Co
F	Jumna	2987	Cunningham	Genoa	16-4	M M & Co
G	Islami	1604	Newby	B Sea Ports	15-4	B & P S NCo
H	Penlee	2451	Foall	Leith	13-4	W & A G & Co
M	Devanha	4788	Hide	Shanghai	16-4	P & O Co
N	Rumley	2761	Northfield	Manchester	13-4	R A Willis
O	Thornbeck	2345	Robson	Rotterdam	11-4	R A Willis
P	Caspian	2317	Young	Genoa	20-4	K N & Co
Q	Calchuian	2222	Taylor	London	11-4	K N & Co

H W P D

Sabarmati.....524 Mahomed ...Manglore ...13-4 Bo S N Co

ARRIVALS.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
2	Wistow Hall s	Meria	Glasgow, Mar 5
10	Shirley s	Burns	Calcutta, Mar 30
	Lhasa s	McDiarmed	Karachi, Apr 8
	Reichstag s	Thle	Durban, Mar 12
	Harperley s	Fletcher	Port Said, Mar 28

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
10	Assaye (Trpt)	Seymour	Southampton
	Clifton Hall	Jones	Calcutta

The following vessels obtained their portclearances yesterday :—

Steamer Rheinfels, Duke, for Hamburg, &c.
" Dumra, Cuthbush, for Persian Gulf, &c.
" Thornbeck, Robson, for Rotterdam.
" Tientsin, Maru, Tibble, for Kobe, &c.
" City of Karachi, Snow, for Karachi.
" Glendhu, Taylor, for Antwerp.
" Calthness, Taylor, for London, &c

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Chanda, for Persian Gulf.
" Colombo, Maru, for Japan.
" General, for Zanzibar, &c.
" Kola, for Persian Gulf.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Apr	Vessel.	From
3	Clan Lindsay	Liverpool
4	Lichteufels	Antwerp
7	Siros	Calcutta
7	Clan Cameron	Pondicherry
9	Matiana	Calcutta

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

8	Tara	Rangoon
9	Nawab	Bombay
9	Palamcotta	Negapatam
10	Vindobona	Calcutta
15	Gisela	Trieste
15	Umbai	Natal
25	Pongola	Calcutta
28	Ceylon Maru	Penang

The dates are approximate only.

DAILY EXPORTS.—April 10.

FOR ANTWERP.

Glendhu s—200 bales cotton Prier de Saone and Co 2,000 cwt castorseed and 3151 cwt rapeseed Kelleek Nixon and Co.
Peulee s—130 cwt myrobollams W Becher.
King Howel s—2906 cwt myrabollams W Becher; 2,000 cwt poppyseed M Rambhogat.

FOR HAMBURG.

Rheinfels s—544 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 101 cwt gum P Jethabhoy; 1,000 cwt myrabollams W Pecher.

FOR GENOA.

Caspian s—544 bales cotton Ralli Bros; 110 bales cotton Valchaghandy and Sons; 100 bales cotton E Spinner and Co; 950 bales cotton Bamji and Co; 50 cwt old copper M Somji; 200 bales cotton, Dewadkar and Co.
Jumna s—1,000 cwt Gingellyseed L Drey fus and Co,

FOR NAPLES.

S Rubattino s—800 bales cotton, Ralli Bros : 100 bales cotton, Glade and Co ; 75 bales hemp, G Madhowji and Co ; 1000 cwts wheat, Ralli Bros

FOR BARCELONA.

S Rubattino s—100 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperator s—1001 cwts rapeseed, A Blascheck and Co
S bales twist M Cohen and Co ; 168 bales cotton Ralli Bros ; 125 cwts Olibanum and 401 cwts gum P Jethabhoy

FOR VENICE.

Imperator s—400 bales cotton, Volkart Bros

FOR MARSEILLES.

Marsilea s—400 bales cotton Gaddum and Co
City of London s—2,000 cwts castorseed, Ralli Bros ; 100 bales cotton. G Tejpal and Co

FOR HULL.

Queen borough s—2001 cwt rapeseed E D Sassoon and Co
Riddersdale s—1305 cwts cottonseed, R Hassam

FOR MARENGO.

Queenborough s—200 bales cotton Gaddum and Co

FOR HONGKONG.

Inchita s—500 bales cotton, Sassoon J David and Co
500 bales cotton Glaze born N Tejpal and Co
Devanha s—500 bales twist C Ebrahim and Co ; 100 cwts sugar, D Jamerchand 175 bales twist, M M Bombboy
Colombo Maru s—4200 cwts bone meal, M Jamal

FOR SHANGHAI

Devanha s—500 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co ; 200 bales twist, A M J Abraham, 500 bales twist, C Ebrahim and Co

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *April* 9.] [BOMBAY, *April* 10.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus
2½ per cent. Consols	86 1/16	1/16	
3 do. Rentes	94¼		un chgd
2½ do. Sterling Loan	102⅝		un bgd
2½ do. Govt Securities	65 5/16		un chgd
Bar Silver in London	30 5/16		un chgd
Do. do. 2 months' hence	29½		3/16
Do. in New York	65½		un chgd
Exchange on London at Paris	25·27		—01
Do. do. do. Berlin	20·52		—¼
Do. do. do. New York	4·85½		
Discount Bank of England Rate	5%	Since	17 Jan.
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	3½%		½
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	3½%		½
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	4½%		½
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	4¾%	un	chgd
Interest Day-to-day Loans	2½%		½
Do. 7-day Market Loans	3%		½

Amount paid into the Bank of England .....£125,000.
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate). 1s. 3 1/32d. unchanged.
Transfers on Bombay, ... Rs. 1,00,000 at 1s. 4 7/16d.
Transfers on Calcutta, ... Rs. 5,00,000 at 1s. 4 7/16d.

LONDON, APRIL 9.

Neill Brothers' Monthly Cotton Report states that the supply including Mills is 6,640,000 Bales.
Weather favourable.

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots	Steady
Futures	Steady
East Indian	Quiet
Manchester	Steady
Total Sales	10,000
Sold on Speculation and for Export	1,000
Imports	16,000
Mid-Americans	6·05+02
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	10¼—⅛

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Apl.-May	May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
5·69	5·69	5·66	5·65
+05	+05	+04	+05
Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·61	5·58	5·55	5·54	5·54
+04	+04	+05	+04	+04

New York—

Receipts at U. S. Ports	20,000 bales
Do. do. last year	27,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	5,000 "
Do. to Continent	12,000 "

Spot Cotton,—11·00 unchanged.

Futures.—Month of July, 9·56 —07 Do. do, Dec. 9·88 —08 } Advanced early owing to firm cables and declined laterin consequence of large estimated receipt for to-morrow.

New Orleans—

Spot Cotton—10 7/16 unchanged.
Futures—Month of May 10·26 — 06
Do, do, July 10·26 — 06
Closing Tone of Futures—Steady.

WHEAT.

Red Karachi—28¼ Old Terms—Aprl.-May London, Done Canal.
Tone of Wheat—Quiet.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed :—
Yellow Gujarat, per 416 lbs., 85 per cent. ex-ship 50½ April/May—Dunkirk—Sellers Canal.
Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs. 85 per cent ex-ship. 50 April-May—Dunkirk—Sellers, Canal.
Brown Cawnpore 44½ April/May—Dunkirk Done —Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed.—Firm.

Linseed—
Bombay, per 416 lbs., ex-ship 44 Apl.-May.—Dunkirk—Done—Canal.
Tone of Linseed.—Firm.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—
In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality) 7 unchanged

Sugar—
German granulated Sugar, double bags, C. and F. India, 11s. 10½d.
Months of Shipment—May, Sellers.
Tone of Sugar—Firm

Rubber—
Para Rubber 4/10½ Value

ARRIVALS :—
Arrivals :— "Knight," "Errant."

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
2 Boxes Gold Bullions	Rs 1,51,680	Freemantle	Macedonia	National Bank
1 Box Sovereigns	1,920	Aden	Peninsular	H. Shaferally and Co
1 Box Sovereigns	3,375			
Rupees	750	Suez	Peninsular	S and E El Fazal
10 Bundles Rs	675			
1 Bundle Rs	25,340	Abbas	C. Craft	Sundry Natives
	3,500	Jeddah	Shah Noor	S and E El Fazal

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT :—
The market opened quiet but steady with a slight advance in prices for some descriptions. Broach continues in demand for this month's delivery, and the rate has advanced to Rs. 255, Japan shippers being the chief buyers. In other styles there is little enquiry for export, but dealers are covering previous sales for this and next month's delivery, thus maintaining rates.
In ready cotton there was a moderate off-take at Colaba in the usual descriptions, anything outside high class and nice stapled lots being neglected Mills continue indifferent buyers except for extra stapled cotton.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Rs.	Delivery
Fine M. G. Broach	255	April.
Fine " Nagpur Kampti	216	May
Fine " Damangaum Pulgaon	201/2	do.
Fine " Khangaum Akola	194	do,
Fine " Amraoti	194	do.
F. G. " Khamdeish	170/71	do,
Fine " Khamdeish	179	do.
Fine " Bengals	167	do.
Good Westerns	231	do,
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar	239	do,

Liverpool Opener:—
Opening tone ... ... Easier.
Estimated Sales ... ... 8000 bales
Total Imports ... ... 20,000 "

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.
5·65	5·65	5·62	5·61	5·58
— 04	— 04	— 04	— 04	— 03
Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·55	5·51	5·50	5·50
— 03	— 04	— 04	— 04

MISCELLANEOUS.

LINSEED—
The market is quiet but steady, with business passing as follows :—

Ready	Rs. 7 4 6	to Rs. 7 5 0
Apl.-May	" 7 11 6	

RAPESEED—
Arrivals are increasing and a good business is doing in ready as under :—

Brown Cawnpore	Rs. 7 7 0
Brown Kutni	" 7 9 0
Yellow Guzerat	" 8 11 0

Gingellyseed :—
Bold White 85 per cent ... Rs. 54 0 0
" 75 do. ... " 52 8 0
Yellow Hingunghat ... " 55 0 0
Tone—Quiet. Small business.

CASTORSEED :—
Ready ... Rs. 36 0 0
Tone—Quiet but steady.

COTTONSEED :—
... Rs. 18 0 0
Tone—Quiet.

GROUNDNUTS :—
... Rs. 41 8 0
Tone—Quiet but Steady.

WHEAT :—
White Delhi ... " 4 7 0
Tone—Unchanged.

THE SHARE MARKET.

BANKS—

Bombay	1,330
India	52½

MILLS—

Connaughts	475
David	350
Kobinoor	685
Manockji Petit	3,040
Crescent	101

PRESSES—

Breul's Cawnpore	207¼
Hingoli	125

MISCELLANEOUS—

Colaba Land and Mill	930
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate	76
Telephone Co.	394

RAILWAYS—

Tapti Valley	472½
Ahmedabad Dholka	97

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday.

Cotton	17,128 bales.
Wheat	4,914 cwts.
Linseed	19,729 "
Rapeseed	22,311 "
Gingellyseed	7,117 "
Poppyseed	5,241 "
Groundnuts	647 "
Castorseed	9,495 "
Rice	55,943 "
Myrabollams	13,384 "
Cottonseed	16,738 "
Mowrased	Nil "
Gram	2,892 "
Joowar	8,841 "

BOMBAY MARKETS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.] [10TH APRIL, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—
Money is in demand at 6½ per cent. per annum for two months.

Exchange :—
Being Council Bill day the Market closed as usual at 2 p m. Rates opened steady at 1s. 4 3/32d. to 1s. T. T., 1s. 4 7/16d. on demand and 1s. 4 7/16 d. for 3 Months' sight Credits. There has been some enquiry for Telegraphic at 1s. 4 5/32d. and business has resulted up to the end of next week. Bills are scarce and for fine bills perhaps 1s. 4 13-32d. 3 Months' Sight has been done for the mail. Bills are scarce. Far Eastern rates are steady. We quote :—

T. T. on London	1s. 4 7/32d. to ½
Demand Draft	1s. 4 7/32d.
Credits—3 months' sight	1s. 4 7/32d. to 13-32
Do, 3 months' sight—France	172½
Do, 3 months' sight—Marks	140⅞
Hongkong—30 days' sight	152
Yokohama—30 days' sight	148½
Shanghai—30 days' sight	209

Government Paper :—
The Market opened steady at 97 for ready and 97⅛ for the settlement. During the morning there were some small buyers and rates became rmer, the settlement quotation going to 97 5/16. In the afternoon the bulls were operating more freely the settlement quotation further advancing to 97 7/16. Calcutta Market is also firmer, ready being quoted at 97 1/16 and for delivery forward in a month 97 7/16. We quote :—

Cash	97	3	0
1st Settlement	97	7	0

Bullion :—
Bar silver in London is unchanged at 30 3—16 for ready but the forward rate is 1/8 down at 29 3-4 for delivery in two months. The local market is steady at 76 9-16 ex-duty for ready and closing unchanged.
Forward rates are noted below. Bar Gold is steady.

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	2	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	1	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready	76	9	0
Ditto 1st Settlement	76	10	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement	75	15	0

THE INDIAN GOLD MINE RETURNS.

The following quotations were received by Messrs. Scott and Tod, Share, Stock and Exchange Brokers, of Second Beach Line, Madras, by Special Cablegram, on 10th April :—

Mines.	Share.	Paid up.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Anantapur Gold	£1	7s. 6d.	£0 12 3	£0 13 9
Balaghat	£1	£1	£0 16 0	£0 17 6
Champion Reefs	2s. 6d	2s. 6d.	£0 11 6	£0 13 0
Coromandel	£1	£1	£0 2 6	£0 3 9
Dec. G. F. Dev.	£1	8s. 0d.	£0 2 0	£0 3 0
Dhar. Gold Mines	£1	£1	£2 13 0	£3 0 0
Dharwar Reefs	£1	£1	£1 5 7½	£1 8 1½
G. F. Mysore	£1	£1	£0 2 6	£0 3 6
Ghirrick. Ind	10s.	9s. 6d.	£0 0 3	£0 1 0
G. F. Dharwar	£1	£1	£1 4 6	£1 5 9
Hutti	£1	£1	£1 16 5	£1 18 9
Hyderabad Dec	£3	£3	£2 8 6	£2 13 9
Ind. Mines Dev	4s.	4s.	£0 0 3	£0 0 9
Kempinkoti New	5s.	5s.	£0 1 0	£0 1 6
Mysore Gold	10s.	10s.	£8 8 9	£6 1 5
Mysore Reef Ord	£1	£1	£0 0 0	£0 0 0
Mysore West	£1	19s.	£0 1 6	£0 2 6
Mysore Wynaad	£1	19s.	£0 2 0	£0 3 0
Nundydroog	10s.	10s.	£1 4 6	£1 6 9
Coregum (Ord)	10s.	10s.	£0 10 0	£0 10 3
Coregum (Pref)	..	..	£0 14 3	£0 15 9
Road Block	£1	£1	£0 0 6	£0 1 0
Sangli (New)	£1	19s.	£0 7 0	£0 8 3
Topalidoli	£1	10s.	£0 12 0	£0 13 0

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET.

A B. I. Steamer Overdue.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, APRIL 10.

The market has been quiet with little or no enquiry during the week, but to-day a slightly better feeling is apparent and shippers show more inclination to take tonnage for April and May positions.
Engagements Ellerman line :—1,000 to s in April, for Marseilles or Liverpool, at 14 sh.; 2,000 tons in May, for Marseilles or Liverpool, at 14sh. 6d. Wilson line :—s. s. "Hindoo" to Hull, 1,000 tons at 14sh 6d.; s. s. "Dido" to Hull, 2,000 tons, at 14sh, 6d. A steamer on the berth, London, in July, loading 1,000 tons, at 15sh.
Charters :—None are reported.
No news is to hand tof the British India s. s. "Balimba," which is six days missing in the Gulf.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH APRIL.

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes show a brisk rise at Raipur, a brisk to rapid fall in Sind, Rajputana, Gujarat, Central India, and at Malegaon, Ratnagiri, Belgaum, Mormugao, Mangalore, Bellary, Madras, Coimbatore and Trichinopoly, and a slight rise or fall elsewhere.
Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh to light.
Temperature.—The maximum was 89° to 9° above normal at Veraval and 6° to 9° below it at Sirsa, Jhansi Jacobabad, Ajmer, Hoshangabad, Khandwa and Nagpur, and minimum 5° to 6° above it at Allahabad, Ajmer, Surat and Amednagar, and 5° below it at Amraoti. The highest temperature in the shade was 140° at Cuddapah, and the lowest 64° at Lahore.
Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy in several places.
Rain.—Colombo reports about two inches and a quarter and Cochin, Ratnagiri, Akola, Amraoti, Nagpur, Raipur, Hoshangabad and Jubbulpore record light showers.
Weather is unusually cloudy in several places and local scattered rain appears likely.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

A FOX was seen coming down a pass in the hills followed by a rabbit, which came along at a smart pace and seemed impelled, by an over-powering curiosity. Fox and rabbit presently disappeared into a patch of covert and almost immediately the fox was seen to emerge with the unfortunate rabbit dead in its jaws. The whole tableau says *Country Life*, was witnessed by persons of unimpeachable veracity, one of them a very careful observer of wild life. It was perfectly evident to them that the fox had in some way fascinated the rabbit and was consciously following out a plan devised for its destruction. As for the rabbit, it was clearly incapable of avoiding its doom.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, and MEMORIAM NOTICES which must be authenticated by the name and address of the senders, is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

MARTIN—April 6, at No. 7-1 Rainey Park, Ballygunge, Calcutta, the wife of Mr. G. F. Martin, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

TONNDORF—April 2, at Khargpur, B.-N. Railway, Ferdinand Theodore, Robert Tonndorf, of Jena, (Germany), in his 31st year.
WHEELER—April 6, at the Ezra Hospital, Calcutta, Percy Ostlerill Wheeler, Barrister-at-Law, High Court, Calcutta, fourth and youngest son of the late George Wheeler, of Burford House, England, aged 51 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 26m.; Sun sets, 6h. 55m.; High water 10-47m., 11-2a.; Low water, 4-33m., 4-40s.
Acbar Manufacturing and Press Company, 10 Forbes Street—4-30 p. m.
The Westminster Abbey Glee and Concert Party, —Town Hall.
Grant Medical College Gymkhana, Annual Athletic Sports, Hindu Gymkhana Grounds—3 p.m.
Colonel Bannerman's Lecture on Bombay snakes at the Y. M. C. A. Hall—8-15 p.m.

RECENT HARBOUR FATALITY.—Dharma Vithoo (27), one of the Khalasees of the coal barge No. 6292 which collided with the s. s. "Rafel Rubattino" in the harbour on the 5th instant, succumbed yesterday to his injuries received during that catastrophe.

FATAL ACCIDENT ON RAILWAY LINE.—A dock labourer named Gunoo Tulsiram (25) residing at Mazagon, while working on the railway track in No. 9 shed in Victoria Dock yesterday, was crushed accidentally between the buffers of two railway trucks and killed on the spot.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.—A weekly meeting of the members of the Bombay Municipal Standing Committee was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Mr. Jafferbboy Rahimtoolla presiding, when business of a formal nature was transacted.

LECTURE.—Colonel W. B. Bannerman, I. M. S., of the Government Plague Research Laboratory, Parel, will deliver a lecture which should prove intensely interesting, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Wodehouse Road, to-night at 9.15 p.m. The following is the syllabus of the lecture. 1. A description of the common poisonous snakes of Bombay. 2. The ways in which their various poisons act. 3. The use of antivenene in the treatment of snake-bite. 4. The way in which the antivenene in made. 5. The extraction of snake venom for the purpose of making antivenene. Samples of the various snakes will be shown alive or dead. Admission free.

A LETTER OF THANKS.—Mr. Aga Coochick Shah writes :—"As I find it impossible to thank individually all those Khoja gentlemen, who so kindly accorded me an exceptionally warm and hearty reception on my recent visit to Bhuj, Kera (at the time of the great Urus in honour of Pir Gulam Ali Shah) and Mandvi in Cutch, I hope they will be good enough to accept this acknowledgment on my part for all their kindnesses towards me. Though travelling and living in Cutch are so inconvenient and troublesome, everything had been so well arranged for me by the Khojas, that I was feeling as comfortable as could be desired for which I am very much obliged indeed. I would like to assure them, through the medium of your valuable paper, that the very touching reception I received from them recently in Cutch will be always fresh in my memory and it will be with most delightful feelings that I would remember the pleasant days I have spent amongst them in Cutch as their guest."

A BACHELOR'S DISTRESS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly inform "on the shelf" a lone bachelor, who wrote in your to-day's issue asking if any one knew where mending could be done. Darning and mending is undertaken by the Female Workroom just off Grant Road by the Congregational Church.

M. F. H.
Hon. Secretary.

Ladies' Committee, E. & E. P. F.

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TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—The unfortunate single man who enquires in your issue of to-day for some reliable person to mend his socks, shirts and mosquito curtains, should apply at the Depot of the Sisters of Bll Saints in Church Gate Street near the corner of Tamarind Lane. By sending his repairs to the workshop of All Saints Home he will get good work at a reasonable price, and will, at the same time, assist a most deserving charitable institution.—Yours, etc,

ANOTHER FORTUNATE.

Fort, 10th April.

LONDON AND LANCASHIRE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE 44th Annual Report, just to hand, of the London and Lancashire Life Insurance Company, of which Messrs. W. & A. Graham & Co., are the General Agents for Western India, proves that this prosperous Company has more than maintained its continuous record of steady progress as the following figures for the year 1906 show :—
The New Business consisted of 2,540 proposals for Rs. 1,36,83,825, and—deducting Rs. 18,49, 335 for those declined and not completed, or in course of completion, at the close of the year—the Policies issued were 2,258 for Rs. 1,18,34,490, being an increase of Rs. 5,85,810 over the previous year, giving a new premium income of Rs. 4,86,900.
The total premiums received amounted to Rs. 48,45, 735 and —after deduction of Rs. 1,46,505 paid for Reassurances—the Net Premiums were Rs. 46,99,230, being an increase of Rs. 1,61,595 over the previous year.
The total income of the Company was Rs. 59,34,585 and the total funds have been increased to Rs. 3,32,41, 680. The above figures should prove a source of considerable gratification to the many Indian holders of London and Lancashire Policies; while to those who are at present considering the question of Life Insurance, a perusal of this flourishing Company's Prospectus and Table of Rates may assist them in coming to a decision

BHOWNAGAR NOTES.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

BHOWNAGAR, APRIL 6.

A fire which at first threatened to destroy two narrow streets occurred to-day in Kunbiwada. The fire-engines appeared promptly at the scene and began to play on the flames. The fire was extinguished, but not before a house was burnt down. If this fire had broken out during the night, the damage would have been very heavy.

THOSE who have witnessed "The Scarlet Pimpernel," now being played at the New Theatre, will remember the entrance of Mr. Terry in the pony cart. The pony, an exceptionally quiet one, has become so familiar with the whole routine that it is difficult to restrain him from anticipating his entrance cue. One evening recently he managed to rush with Mr. Terry on to the stage quite a minute before his time, thus cutting out a lot of the dialogue and practically spoiling the situation. In consequence, Mr. Terry had another pony for the next evening. Pony No. 1 made his appearance at the stage door as usual, and had the mortification of seeing another enter the theatre in his stead. Pony No 2, however, was not a success, so it was decided to reinstate the old one. But on the following night pony No. 1 absolutely refused to enter the stage door. He sulked, and would not budge an inch. Eventually, with the help of six property men, he was carried struggling down the stairs to the stage, and at his cue had to be forcibly pushed on. It was several evenings before this jealous animal had entirely forgotten the incident, and became his old docile self again.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

HIGH COURT.

THE RECENT JUSTICES' ELECTION.

Special High Court Bench.

In the High Court, yesterday morning, before the Hon. Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Chief Justice, an application was made in Chambers, for the constitution of a Special Bench of two Judges to construe certain Sections of the Bombay Municipal Act, upon the stated facts of the case, mentioned in the plaint of the suit of Mr. Bhaishankar Nanabhoy, Solicitor, against the Municipal Corporation and others. On the learned Chief Justice taking his seat in Court, with the Hon. Mr. Justice Beaman, the suit was called on.
Mr. G. R. Lowndes, instructed by Messrs. Crawford, Brown and Co., appeared for the Corporation and for certain other defendants. Mr. Inverarity, instructed by the same Solicitors, appeared for the Municipal Commissioner.
The names of about eight gentlemen, defendants in the suit, who were neither present, nor represented, were called out.
Mr. James Macdonald appeared in person : he is one of the defendants.
The Hon. Mr. Setalvad, who, appeared for the plaintiff, reported that the learned Chief Justice had ordered in Chambers the hearing of the suit by two Judges : he applied that Friday might be fixed for the hearing.
Mr. Lowndes consented on condition that the proceedings in the Small Causes Court in regard to the election were adjourned by consent.
Mr. Inverarity agreed with Mr. Lowndes, and so did Mr. Macdonald.
Mr. Setalvad said that subject to the plaintiff serving the notice about the fixing of the date of hearing to Friday, the 12th, on the defendants, the hearing might be fixed. Those who had not been served, or were not present, would be served in the course of the day.
The Chief Justice enquired whether any evidence was to be gone into.
Mr. Lowndes said probably there would be none ; but he could not definitely bind himself not to produce any.
The Chief Justice said that if evidence was gone into the appointment of two Judges to hear the case would not ensure the finality of the proceedings which it otherwise would.
Subject to what the defendants, who were not present, might have to urge, the hearing was fixed for Friday.

A QUESTION OF EASEMENT.

THEIR Lordships the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Beaman, disposed of, in second appeal, a case which has an important bearing on the question of easement. The parties in the suit were Ganeshbhat and 4 others, original defendants and appellants, and one Haji Umrani, the original plaintiff and respondent. Mr. S. S. Patkar appeared for the appellant, the respondents being represented by Mr. M. V. Bhat.
The parties were owners of adjacent houses. Plaintiffs' house is situate on the north of the house of the defendants. The defendants' house has a stone-wall on its north. The ground on the north of this wall is in dispute. Plaintiff purchased his house in 1898. He alleged that the disputed ground was a part of the property purchased by him, and was his exclusive property. He built a gutter, 6 inches wide, about the middle of the disputed ground shortly after the purchase. The defendants made a hole in their wall and caused the rainwater of their house to flow into the gutter. Plaintiff applied for an injunction to restrain the defendants from allowing the rainwater of their house to flow on to the plaintiffs' ground. The defendants, on the other hand, continued that the disputed ground was the joint property of the parties ; that they have a right of easement to discharge the rainwater on the disputed ground; and that they allowed the plaintiff to build the gutter on the disputed ground as he agreed to allow them to discharge the rainwater into it.
The original suit was decided by Mr. V. N. Bahurkar, Subordinate Judge of Bhusawal, who granted the injunction sought, with costs on the defendants. In appeal the First Class Subordinate Judge, A. P., at Dhulia, reversed the decree of the Court of first instance and rejected the plaintiff's claim with all costs throughout on him. Against this decision an appeal has been presented in the High Court, the grounds of objection, among others being (1) that the lower Court erred in holding that the defendants acquired an easement of discharging the refuse and rainwater under Section 15 of the Easement Act, or Section 26 of the Limitation Act (2) the lower Court erred in holding that Section 47 of the Easement Act applied to the facts of the case and that (3) the lower Court has misconceived the plaint and pleadings and points at issue between the parties.
The case coming on for hearing, their Lordships observed that the lower Appellate Court has found that the defendants have acquired an easement over the western "Bel" of the plaintiff of discharging rain and refuse water and the plaintiffs' suit for an injuction was dismissed on that ground. But it appears to have overlooked Section 15 of the Easement Act V of 1882, according to which for the acquisition of such an easement it must have been peaceably and openly enjoyed by the person claiming it as an easement, and as of right, without interruption, and for 20 years. and the period of 20 years must be taken to be a period ending within 2 years next before the institution of the suit wherein the claim to which such period relates is contested. Judged by this standard there was no acquisition of the easement claimed. Their Lordships therefore reversed the decree of the lower Appellate Court and restored that of the Subordinate Judge.

POLICE COURTS.

DR. MARRETT'S MOTOR CASE.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, beloved by a large proportion of his countrymen, is just now the object of persistent attacks by his political opponents—and others who resent his attempt to purify the commercial life of the United States. To his critics the President replies in a manner which is effective, if not commendable, and the *Albany Argus* has classified the varieties of "liars" encountered by Mr. Roosevelt. At the beginning of this month when Mr. Merriman, the Railway magnate, declared that the President instigated him to contribute to the Republican funds during the presidential election of 1904, Mr. Roosevelt described the allegation as a deliberate and wilful untruth. The expression was comparatively mild when read alongside those he employed to others. Judge Parker, he described as an atrocious liar; Mr. Whitney, candidate for the Lieutenant-Governorship of Massachusetts, a deliberate liar; Ex-Senator Chandler, a deliberate and unqualified liar; Mr. Bowen, formerly American Minister to Venezuela, a disingenuous liar; Mr. Wallace, formerly Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal, an utter liar; Mr. Shields, a prominent man, but not a politician, an inventive liar, and Mr. Storer, a peculiarly perfidious liar. Mr. Maurice Low claims for his president superiority over the Psalmist, who was hasty in his generalisation, all men are liars, in that he has found time carefully to classify them. From styling a man a liar of any class to condemning his statement as an untruth of any degree is a promising devolution which was scarcely expected from one who "touches the great and the little with strartling suddenness." The great have suffered more than the little, and it is not a matter for surprise that they should resent the President's methods and seek to lower him in popular estimation. In England, Mr. Roosevelt is fully believed in, and Mr. Sydney Brooks writes in the *Monthly*, that the instinct of English people is to believe that he is always in the right and his opponents always in the wrong. "We are for him against the Senate, against Wall Street, against Mr. Hearst, against, it would seem, everyone and everything. And were we to analyse the qualities in Mr. Roosevelt's statesmanship that have won him this unanimity of confidence, we should probably give the first place to his passion for justice and his determination to see it prevail and, wherever possible, to make it prevail between man and man and nation and nation. A score of times he has seemed to us to risk his whole political future rather than yield when he felt yielding to be wrong. We ascribe to him an inflexible resolve to do the right thing, rejecting as the merest calumny, the innuendo that the right thing to Mr. Roosevelt is by some happy and unvarying chance whatever he has resolved to do."

But there is a revolt against Mr. Roosevelt in the States. It is the revolt of the plutocracy. The Trusts, the Insurance Companies, and the Railway magnates are planning his downfall which they hope to compass. They accuse him of exceeding his powers and indulging in wholly unwarrantable personal government. In the matter of reforming and unifying State Laws: of his dealing with California they arraign him most vigorously. They say the President has won in his long personal struggle with the Senate, but at the cost of a deplorable waste of the time of the Legislature. The real question raised—how far urgent necessity may justly warrant him in going beyond his constitutional powers—is still as open as ever. With a stronger Senate and a weaker President, the victory would surely be on the other side. And now, exactly as the Senate has arraigned the President, so many of the States are accusing Congress and the Executive of being jointly criminal in their attacks upon the constitutional "reserved rights" of the States. The President, characteristically, has hit back by suggesting that a concerted effort should be made to sweep away unnecessary variations between the State Codes themselves and at the same time, in cases where State and Federal Statutes really conflict, and apparently with equal constitutional right, to agree upon definite limits of jurisdiction. At present, three-fourths of the State Statutes are in fact dead, and occasional attempts to revive one of them often come near provoking riots. At the President's instigation the Federal Government has set the pace by securing convictions against the Trusts for "restraint of trade" in inter-State commerce, and the various States themselves are finishing the work by punishing the same or like offenders for misdoings within the limits of the State itself. Pennsylvania has got some hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Glucose Trust (a branch of the Oil Trust) for violations of the Pure Food Laws; and the calendars of the Courts in all the States are now filling up fast with civil suits of many kinds—for the repayment of fraudulent rebates, for conspiracy to shut off competition, for adulteration, for fraudulent labels, &c. To us it seems the President has done nothing more than what the welfare of his country demanded. But to the plutocrats he is destroying it and them.

Probably no other President could have accomplished so much. Let us hear the testimony of his own countrymen, who are no longer resident in the States and who discuss him in English journals and periodicals. Mr. Roosevelt has accumulated on his hands a collection of enmities that ten years ago one would have said no President could withstand. Not only has he not been overborne by them but from each encounter he appears to emerge with, if anything, an increased hold upon the trust and affections of the masses. His mistakes, his hastiness, his manifold lapses from taste and dignity, his bristling belligerencies affect him, so far as the opinions of the many-headed are concerned, scarcely at all. Whatever else he may be, he is a man of great self-assertiveness. With him leadership is an instinct. He is a man of insistent and dictatorial temperament, with a passion for scoring and for scoring them off his own bat. As a devotee of the political short cut, it frets him to have to dance attendance on cumbrous constitutional processes. He prefers to go straight ahead and wait for the Senate to be prodded after him by public opinion. This leads the Trust magnates to declare that Mr. Roosevelt was himself the author of the unrest he is seeking to appease, and that but for him there would be a jubilant concentration of all Americans in support of the *status quo*. But the revolt so far, at all events, is not a popular one. Whether it will become so eventually is not clear. Correspondents tell us that the President's views on most things are sound and estimable, but by reiterating them so often he is becoming somewhat of a bore. Congress is said to be tiring of his constant messages. In the Southern States, we are told, the President's Negro policy appears to have "made every white man his enemy. His handling of the Japanese question in California has infuriated the Pacific Coast and seven Constitutionalists stand appalled by his glorification of the Federal Government at the expense of State rights. The Socialists depreciate him as a man of his class, a talker and not a doer, and the Labour party, whose formation is by far the most momentous event in the American politics of to-day, have little more sympathy with his policy." Anti-imperialists, who believe in American isolation and self-sufficiency, who object to the enlargement of the Monroe doctrine, are banded against the President. Whether he will be able to head-off all opposition in the next eighteen months and come out on top in the election of next year is a question upon which opinion in the States differs widely, but we believe he will.

THE PROGRESS OF NAVAL ARCHITECTURE.

MUCH that is of an important nature was said at the recent annual Session of the Institution of Naval Architects. During the past year there was another record made in shipbuilding in England, the 1,828,000 tons of mercantile ships launched being two hundred thousand tons in excess of the preceding year, which in turn was largely in excess of the year before. The commercial failure of the Great Eastern had led many to believe that such a large ship would not again be laid down. Yet the past year has seen the successful launch of two ships materially larger in every dimension than their earlier prototype, and everything points to their fulfilling the high hopes that are entertained of their successful performance when they take their station on the great Atlantic thoroughfare. The output of machinery for war vessels during 1906 equalled 217,200 h.p., and of this nearly 70,000 h.p. was for vessels built for foreign Powers. The feature of the year in marine engineering was undoubtedly the successful completion of the "Dreadnought," whose trials last October set the seal upon a piece of work that was remarkable in every way. The result as stated by the First Lord of the Admiralty, has given "the highest satisfaction," and on her subsequent passage from Gibraltar to Trinidad, a distance of 3,400 miles, she maintained an average speed of over seventeen knots. Although the economy of the turbine at lower powers is still unsatisfactory as compared with the reciprocating engine, the trials of the Dreadnought have confirmed the belief in the economy of this form of engine when working at full power—the fuel consumption, as reported unofficially, having worked out at 1·51lb. of coal per shaft h. p. per hour.

The Earl of Glasgow who presided at the meeting had a good deal to say about the adoption of internal combustion engines in marine work and a paper was submitted by Mr. James McKechnie on the "influence of machinery on the gun power of the modern battleship," in which he analysed the design of machinery, so far as it affects the fighting efficiency of the latest types of warships. He pointed to the necessity of reducing the weight of the propelling machinery, and illustrated this by showing that if the Dreadnought had only required a speed of 18½ knots instead of twenty-one knots her engines and boilers might have been 700 tons lighter, sufficient to have permitted two more 12-inch guns and their ammunition to be carried. He advocated the adoption of a battleship whose power would be furnished by internal combustion engines using producer gas generated on board, so that more space and buoyancy would be available for additional guns and ammunition. Admiral Sir E. Fitzgerald and Admiral Sir E. Freemantle who were the chief persons to discuss the subject were not at one on the subject, while Sir William White poured cold water on the scheme. Mr. McKechnie's hopes, however, are to be practically considered and, judging from the success which has attended experiments on a small scale, it only needs that sufficiently powerful engines shall be devised to ensure success in naval trials. There can be no doubt that the abolition of cumbersome funnels and the absence of tell-tale smoke would prove extremely valuable in time of war. But the advantage must be proved to be free from disadvantages in other respects and, while all promises well, it is essential that nothing be done to weaken the strength of the fleet in any direction or in any degree.

THE TERRITORIAL FORCES BILL.

THE Territorial and Reserve Forces Bill, which has just been under discussion on its second reading in Parliament, was introduced by Mr. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, five weeks ago. It seeks to provide for the reorganisation of His Majesty's military forces, and for that purpose to authorise the establishment of county associations and the raising and maintenance of a territorial force. Mr. Haldane, introducing the measure, explained that it aimed at creating machinery for fulfilling four purposes:—(1) The constitution of military committees of county associations for the organisation and administration of the territorial or home force; (2) the constitution of this new force which was gradually to absorb and replace the present Militia, Yeomanry and Volunteers; (3) the adaptation of the Reserve Forces Act to the requirements of the new special contingent; (4) the enlargement of the ambit of the reserve from which men were taken before any general mobilization was ordered for our striking force. The material for the bill, he explained, was supplied in an informal shape by Lord Esher's Committee, with modifications. After stating that the transition period had been provided for, and that the scheme would not come into operation all at once, he referred to the present unrest, which might lead to compulsory service and said that the Government, in organizing a second line, would be throwing up the stoutest entrenchments against compulsion. Dealing with the county associations, he said that they would be administrative committees, under the direction of the Army Council. Each association would have to consider with the general staff the best means of supplying the quota to be contributed by it to the division in its grouped regimental district, would have to make provision for the administrative needs of the force which it had raised, and, as to at least half its numbers, would contain officers representing the different branches of the territorial force, and have representatives, appointed by the Army Council, of the county and borough councils. On the issue of a Proclamation ordering out the Army Reserves, it was to be lawful for the King to give such instructions as might be necessary for embodying the whole or any part of the Territorial Force, and the Army Council was to issue orders for embodiment within a month. The scheme has been already fully discussed and the most serious fault is that pointed out by Lieutenant-Colonel Pollock, that though it provides for supplementary reservists, it fails to supply supplementary units. But before the measure passes into law we anticipate that the defect will have been remedied.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer "Ceylon Maru" left Moji for Hongkong on the 9th instant.

THE Austrian Lloyd's s.s. *Austria*, from Bombay, arrived at Aden on the morning of the 10th instant.

Chapter XXIX of our Serial Story, "The Crooked Way," by Willam de Queux, will be found on page of to-day's issue.

MR. WALTER GREGORY, Barister, officiates as Standing Counsel at Calcutta during the absence of Mr. S. P. Sinha for six months in England.

MR. F. L. HALLIDAY, the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, leaves for England to-day, on seven months' leave. His brother Mr. F. C. T. Halliday acts for him.

THE Hereditary Prince Vinzenz von Windischgratz, has, the "Telegraph" says, entered the head office of the Dresden Bank as a "volunteer," or unpaid clerk, with the object of familiarising himself with the details of financial business.

THE Bingley Beagles were hunting around Bolton Abbey when the hounds crossed the Mid land Railway line near Lobwood. A train from Bolton Abbey was approaching at the time, and the driver, seeing that the hounds were in danger, pulled up the train until the pack had passed.

THE Ballot at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday for a representative of the Chamber to serve in the Legislative Council of His Excellency the Governor of Bombay, in place of Mr. H.E.E. Procter who has resigned his seat, resulted in the election of Mr. C. H. Armstroug, of the firm of Messrs. Lyon & Co., (Bombay) Ltd.

AT a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation, held yesterday afternoon, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. James MacDonald that the Standing Committee offer their best thanks to Mr Jaffer Rahimtulla for his valuable services as Chairman of the Committee and place on record their appreciation of the ability, zeal and courstesy with which he had discharged the onerous duties of his office. Mr. Jaffer thanked his colleagues for their loyal co-operation and the uniform support they had given him in discharging his duties.

THE Government of India have received through His Majesty's Secretary of State a communication from the British Consular authorities at San Francisco to the effect that there is very little prospect of employment for Indian labourers in California. The Government General in Council accordingly requests all LocalGovernments and Administrations to make the above intimation generally known, particularly in places from which emigration to California is believed to be most common. Steps should be taken to warn intending emigrants at the ports of embarkation of the risks they run in proceeding to that State.

MR. ALLAN LEROY LOCKE, a coloured student, who graduates in June at Harvard, has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford from the State of Pennsylvania.

THE committee who manage the Stepney Public Libraries have formed a class for the teaching of Esperanto, the international help language. The class has ninety members on its register, and is free to all.

SOME forty Oxford undergraduates have been hoaxed by counterfeit theatre tickets for stalls and dress circle, which, having been crossed "Complimentary" and numbered in the usual manner, had been sent to them at the various colleges.

ALL-NIGHT banks and cafes are already a feature of New York. Arrangements have been made for the establishment of an all-night police court, the work of which will be shared by the fourteen magistrates who now hold office.

GRAS cartridges are taken as change all over Abyssinia, at a rate usually of ten to the dollar. The cap must be undamaged, the case in no way disformed, and the paper round the bullet must be in a state of perfect preservation.

THE Canterbury College governors have decided to accept Mr. John Studholme's offer to contribute £200 a year for three years towards the establishment of a Chair of Domestic Economy. The appointment will be offered to Miss Gilchrist, of the Tennessee University.

IN order to be on the safe side of the law a certain British manufacturer of pickles for export to Canada made his pint bottles hold a little more than a pint. But when a large consignment arrived at Montreal (says the *Grand Magazine*) the Customs officials found that there was a law which provides that any package holding more than a pint must pay duty as a quart. Canadians who eat British pickles now get their money's worth—neither more nor less.

NEW YORK, already famous for its many magnificent lunch clubs, is soon to have another of a most luxurious kind. This club, supported by millionaires, will occupy the twenty-first and twenty-second floors of a new skyscraper building. There will be a dining-room, a smoking-room, and sleeping quarters—the latter an innovation in connection with a club in the business quarter of New York. The most novel feature, however, will be a roof garden, which, overtopping all the high buildings near the river front, will give a view across New York harbour as far as the Narrows, and to the north far up the Hudson River.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Telegraph* has in his aviary at Clapham a chough, which came from Las Palmas, and is of a species now exceedingly rare in England. Recently he heard a familar cry from the roof of his house, and thought "Chuffy" was on the tiles. But she was in the aviary, and a large bird was seen encircling overhead. The aviary door was left open. Within two minutes a big male bird flew down from the roof and entered the cage. "We shut the door on the two, and both are quite happy. The newcomer is most unmistakably a wild bird—not a cage-escaped vagrant, but a stranger from remote parts of the Metropolis."

NOTES ON INDIAN INTERESTS.

THOUGHTS BY A NATIVE THINKER.

AN APPEAL.

I AM voicing the earnest desire of all sensible and peace-loving men in Bombay, that the new spirit which has prevailed in the city in consequence of the Municipal elections will not be allowed to dominate the Corporation which has its first sitting next Monday. I have given my own opinion of the Caucus and its doings on two previous occasions, and as a person having at heart the welfare of the city, I should do nothing that might serve further to embitter strife or keep alive animosities. While the election case is pending in the Small Causes Court, the tension between the two parties will continue for some time to come. But I expect that eventually the Caucus will be merged in the Corporation, and that it will carry no distinctive badge to the prejudice of the civic interests. If the leading members of the Corporation will recognise that their duty to the city does not lie in a perpetual trial of strength, an undignified tug-of-war, the proceedings in the Council Chamber will not be marred by acerbities, and the reputation achieved by the Corporation for a high standard of efficiency will be maintained unimpaired. There is no place for parties in Municipal Government, and they will prove the bane of the Corporation if they are allowed to exist. If the Corporation were allowed by an introduction of personalities to sink into disrepute, it will afford an excuse to its opponents to propose that its wings should be clipped and its powers should be curtailed. But I have great faith in the sense and sobriety of Bombay, and I am pretty sure that it will prevail in the end. When Bengal ran mad over the Ilbert Bill, the advice of Bombay was sought by the Government of the day, and the consultation which thereupon took place between the leaders of Society, both Native and European in this city, afforded a basis for the concordat which pacified the country. A moderate exercise of generosity and magnanimity on all sides will suffice to throw a veil over the past. The "Dominating Personality" in the Corporation cannot vindicate himself more nobly than by wielding his great influence on the side of peace and good-will, and I have strong belief that he will.

A FLOOD OF TALK.

THERE is quite an epidemic of Congresses and Conferences during the Christmas season in India, and it is followed by another in a milder form at Easter. Surat, which in its normal condition is a veritable Sleepy Hollow, was galvanized for a brief space into activity and enthusiasm, being the chosen seat this year of the Provincial Conference, as well as other subsidiary convocations for the promotion of social reform, total abstinence and women's interests. All these deliberations did not, perhaps, provide a feast of reason of any superlative merit; but the flow of talk was abundant, and would have been unceasing, if some of the portentous essays which were taken as read had been allowed to be inflicted on the audience. As Indian women are now coming to the fore with their own particular concerns, their harangues will go to swell the volume of talk. Although my countrymen are exceedingly fond of exercising their elocutionary powers, they are exceedingly slow to translate their beautiful thoughts into action. At every social reform meeting, the same reforms are advocated in much the same terms, and the same resolutions are passed; but the alliance between precept and example, is not so close as might be wished. Example would certainly prove a better education, but, failing that, the influence of precept is not to be despised. The proceedings of the Provincial Conference call for no particular remark. The address of the President, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, was unexceptionable in tone and spirit. I might just observe that his remarks on the political excesses perpetrated by Bengal in the name of Swadeshi represent the enlightened opinion on this side of India. Bombay has upheld its reputation for a healthier political spirit and saner counsels, by firmly refusing to associate itself with the rabid fanaticism which has brought into contempt, a movement which, if rightly directed, is fraught with great possibilities of good to the country.

LORD ELGIN'S CIRCULAR.

I MAY not be wrong in my surmise that Lord Elgin's circular counselling colonial satraps to keep clean of commercial or business undertakings was probably inspired by the active interest taken by an ex-Governor of Ceylon—I forget his name—in promoting a company for exploiting the pearl-fishery of the island. He was instrumental in obtaining for the company, of which he is Chairman, a lease for a term of twenty years on phenomenally favourable terms, and the company is already making an immense profit on the transaction. His connection with the company gave rise to very unfavourable comments in a portion of the English press. It was remarked that he had turned to account the knowledge which he had acquired by virtue of his position, of the almost unlimited possibilities of development of the pearl-fishery, for his personal end, whereas he ought to have given the benefit of it to the state which he was serving. I do not care to go into the nice question of ethics involved in a transaction of this nature. There may not be any irregularity in the part taken by the Colonial Governor in promoting the company. But in the interests of His Majesty's dominions beyond the seas, as well as for the honour and integrity of the service, it is most desirable that the men sent out by the mother-country to fill high and responsible posts should have absolutely no financial interest in any commercial venture in the land where they are serving. They should, like Caesar's wife, be above suspicion, and this is only possible by having nothing to do with financial concerns. Their connection, however straightforward and honest it may be, is liable to be misunderstood by the ignorant, and misrepresented by the designing. Freedom from such private dealings is, of all countries, most essential in India, where the people have an awe, not unmixed with dread, of men in authority, and where authority can easily work its influence among them. The principle underlying Lord Elgin's circular is the same as that which forms the basis of the rules framed by the Government of India for the guidance of their officers in their business relations with natives. The character of the men sent abroad in the service of the State is a valuable asset of the empire. They are the repositories of a moral force forming an invaluable element in consolidating the empire; and to prohibit them from embroiling themselves in business affairs is to serve the highest interests of the State.

EMPIRE DAY.

I HAVE not the heart to say a word against the League which, under the Presidency of the Earl of Meath, has been making presistent endeavours to make Empire Day popular throughout the British dominions. The motive which inspires it is beyond praise. It seeks by a distribution broadcast of leaflets containing patriotic sentiments in verse and prose, to promote loyalty and friendliness among the four hundred million subjects of many creeds and races who owe allegiance to King Edward, and to secure a closer union between all portions of his vast empire. In the circular letter which the Earl of Meath has forwarded this year to all the principal newspapers, he seems to be troubled with a grave doubt as to whether the exertions of the League have been conspicuously successful. But he solaces himself with the reflection that the outward observance of the day is of small value, when compared with the overwhelming importance of the inner spirit of the movement. I do not think that discourses and catechisms can bind the empire together: nor can people be made loyal by legislation. I do not believe that a holiday, because it is celebrated as Empire Day, will serve to cement the bonds of friendship between Ceylon and Australia, India and South Africa. Schemes like that of Imperial Federation have come, before this, to nought, and the ardour of their supporters has met with a chill response. If Empire Day has failed to evoke much enthusiasm in India, it must not be concluded that the country is deficient in loyalty. From the way in which her sons are treated in South Africa and other British Colonies, India might well be excused if she feels no absorbing interest in the proposed celebration. She cannot be expected to extend a feeling of amity and cordiality to the colonies, who treat the Indian settlers as pariahs and outcastes, and seek every opportunity to oppress and humiliate them.

THE PERENNIAL PROBLEM.

THE debate which ensued in the House of Lords on the question put by Lord Ampthill, inquiring whether the subject of the disabilities of British Indians would be fully discussed at the Colonial Conference, shows that we are still as far as ever from a satisfactory solution of the problem. Lord Elgin and Lord Lansdowne were effusive in their sympathy. But all their arguments ended in a disheartening *non possumus*. It may be allowed that there is a colonial, as there is an imperial, side to this difficult and delicate question. But the people of India believe that it is possible for the mother-country to impose, at least, some restraint even on a self-governing colony, when it proceeds to carry racial bigotry to an intolerable extreme. The Indians feel acutely that the law against them was never so stringently enforced, under the Boer rule as it has been under the British. As Lord Elgin reminded the Lords, the law might have been altered by the late Ministry at the conclusion of the war, when the Transvaal passed over to England. But it was allowed to stand, and now that the colony has been armed with a constitution, it cannot be expected, of its own free will, to alter it.

DION.

A SPLENDID NEW EASTERN LINER.

The "City of London."

HAVING regard to the popularity among Indian passengers of the existing steamers of the City line of the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., there is no doubt that the latest addition, the *City of London*, to the fleet, will rapidly become a noted and famous vessel. This handsomely modelled and magnificent steamer, which underwent speed trials and adjustment of compasses, a few weeks ago, has arrived in Bombay on her maiden voyage and yesterday afternoon a crowd of interested visitors foregathered in the cabins at the invitation of Messrs. Killick Nixon and Co., the agents of the Line. The vessel is under the command of Captain James Black.

The *City of London* has been expressly built for the Indian trade between Liverpool, Calcutta, Kurrachee, and Bombay. A tour of inspection over her affords one an opportunity of realising that she has been planned so as to ensure the maximum of safety and comfort of passengers. This is evident even in the smallest details. Owing to her large dimensions and tonnage the vessel possesses wonderful steadiness, particularly noticeable in rough weather. Her length is 507 feet, breadth 57½ feet, depth 36½ feet, gross tonnage about 9,000, nominal horse-power 1,225, and speed at sea about 15 knots per hour.

PASSENGER ACCOMMODATION.

In designing the vessel special attention has been given to the arrangement of the passenger accommodation. The first-class rooms are amidships on the upper bridge, and promenade decks, the principal apartments and reception rooms having been placed so as to secure the greatest possible amount of light space and ventilation. The first-class dining saloon at the forward end of the bridge deck is a palatial apartment, furnished in oak. The scheme of decoration has been carried out in quartered oak panelling, with relief ornaments of garlands and medallions finished in gold, the ceiling being embellished in white and gold and is perfect in beauty and chasteness. Natural light is admitted by the dome overhead and round the sides by number of bevel-paned cottage windows. Convenient to the dining saloon is the pantry, replete with every necessity and modern appliance for efficient service.

Leaving the saloon deck by the handsome oak staircase one reaches the entrance hall on the promenade deck. This is a roomy, cheerful apartment decorated in oak and opening off the after end are suites of cabins des luxes having the walls panelled in silk and the bedrooms fitted with brass bed-steads. Before leaving the entrance hall it may be noted that the decorations consist of oak dado and upper panels in white and gold, the floor being of artistic rubber tiling. Forward of the entrance hall is the music-room, which is lighted overhead by a magnificent cathedral stained-glass dome, which also affords light through a well to the dining saloon on the deck below. The walls are panelled in white and gold relieved by medallions and paintings in the Bartolozzi style and a Broadwood piano occupies one end whilst small writing-tables are interspersed throughout the room. The upholstery is in old rose frieze velvet, with Wilton carpet of a pattern to harmonise with the surroundings. In this room also there are large cottage windows.

The promenade deck affords abundant space for exercise and recreation, a number of garden seats being placed in sheltered recesses. The smokeroom, which is at the after end of this deck, is very comfortable and commodious. It is panelled and furnished in oak, and has all the necessary comforts for smokers and card parties. The floor is laid with parquetry, and ample light is given by cottage windows and a large sky-light. A door at the after end of this room open into an alcove provided with seats and tables, for the use of those who desire a comfortable lounge in the open air.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

The staterooms throughout are exceptionally large and well-lighted, a number of them being arranged on the tandem system to suit the convenience of families. They are equipped for two, three, and four persons according to the size of the room, and an interesting featur is a devise whereby the inner staterooms, like the other, are provided with light and air from the ship's side. The ventilation of all the cabins is of the best, so as to ensure the comfort of passengers in the hotest climate.

The large nursery for the use of the children of first-class passengers is tastefully fitted and decorated, a dainty feature being the prettily-painted panels, illustrative of favourite nursery tales and rhymes. A fully-equipped gymnasium has been fitted up under special awnings in the forward well, and will no doubt be fully appreciated by those who are fond of athletic exercises, whilst the plunge bath in the after well will prove a popular feature.

The second class passenger accomodation is divided in the poop. The saloon, in the centre of the vessel is most comfortably furnished. A stairway leads up to an entrance hall, with smokeroom adjoining in steel house on the poop deck. The floor of these rooms is covered with parquetry, and a piano has its place in the entrance hall.

A barber's shop has been fitted up in the poop close to the deck entrance and there are a doctor's room, surgery and hospital. The lavatory accommodation throughout is of the most up-to-date character and includes a number of spray and shower baths. The commissariat departments are admirably arranged and are provided with the most modern appliances for promptly and efficiently meeting the demands of a full complement of passengers. A cold store with suitable refrigerating plant provides for the preservation of provision and vegetables for the requirements of passengers during the voyage. The vessel is lighted throughout with electricity and all the public rooms and staterooms are fitted with electrically driven rotary punkahs, while in the special cabins etectric radiators are fitted. An efficient system of steam heating is supplied to principal public rooms.

HULL AND MACHINERY.

The cargo space is divided into five large holds, which, by the adoption of the girder system of construction, are free of obstruction, and are capable of receiving the largest type of consignment, such as boilers, locomotives, motor cars, and machinery. For the speedy loading and discharging of cargo powerful steam winches at each hatchway, with the necessary derricks swung from the masts and cross posts. A commodious baggage room has been fitted up for the reception of passengers' luggage, and is so set out that it is always accessible.

The bottom of the vessel is constructed on the double-bottom system, which, besides adding to the safety, is used for the reception of water-ballast for trimming purposes. The machinery and boilers consist of a set of quadruple expansion engines, with all the latest improvements in auxiliaries, and four steel multitubular boilers working at a pressure of 215 lbs. per square inch, under Howdon's system of forced draught. The construction of the hull and machinery has been under the supervision of Captain Anderson and Mr. Lang, of the City line, and of Mr. Alexander Dalrymple, Superintendent Engineer of the Ellerman Lines. This is the sixteenth vessel built and engined by Messrs. Workman, Clark and Co., Ltd., for the City line fleet, whilst the decorations have been carried out by the well-known firm of Messrs. Waring and Gillow, of London.

THE ARMY SCHEME.

DISCUSSION ON MR. HALDANE'S BILL.

"Militia Opposition."

MR. WYNDHAM'S AMENDMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 9.

Mr. Haldane moved the second reading of the Territorial Forces Bill.

Mr. Wyndham moved an amendment, of which he gave notice on the 26th ultimo, regretting the proposals for destroying the Militia, discouraging the Yeomanry, and increasing the liabilities of the Volunteers.

He declared that the scheme was unsystematic and incoherent; and that it did not provide for the proper training of the Territorial Forces and imperilled a source of recruiting for the Regular Army.

He appealed to Mr. Haldane to re-consider the scheme.

Sir Edward Grey defended the scheme and summed up the criticisms on Militia opposition.

OPPOSITION CRITICISM.

LONDON, APRIL 10.

In the House of Commons, the Opposition keenly criticised Mr. Haldane's scheme as based on a series of hypotheses. They declared that without national enthusiasm the scheme must fail.

Sir Charles Dilke also severely criticised the scheme. He considered that the proposed Expeditionary Force was needlessly large. He believed the expenditure on the Territorial Army would far exceed Mr. Haldane's ideas, and that consequently the Navy would suffer.

GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES.

Tariff Treaty Concluded.

LONDON, APRIL 9.

After protracted negotiations, a *modus vivendi* has been concluded at Washington ensuring for American goods the minimum tariff in Germany.

CANADA AND GREAT BRITAIN.

A Premature Report.

LONDON, APRIL 9.

Mr. Bryce, the Hon'ble Elihu Root and Earl Grey have been discussing Canadian and American questions, but the report that a Treaty has been drafted is premature.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO SPAIN.

French Opinion.

BRITAIN AND THE MEDITERRANEAN.

LONDON, APRIL 9.

The French newspapers dwell on the political significance of the Royal Visit to Carthagena in connection with Britain's ever-increasing influence in the settlement of the Mediterranean questions.

LONDON, APRIL 10.

King Edward gave a banquet to King Alfonso on board the "Victoria and Albert," when the most cordial toasts were exchanged.

King Edward intimated his intention of visiting Madrid.

THE "TRAFALGAR."

Cause of the Accident.

LONDON, APRIL 9.

The stranding of the *Trafalgar* was due to a signal from the bridge being misunderstood.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

New Governor Elected.

LONDON, APRIL 9.

Mr. William Middleton-Campbell has been appointed Governor of the Bank of England, Mr. Edgar Lubbock has been appointed Deputy Governor.

It is not altogether out of the natural order of things that a Scotsman should hold the post at the Bank of England which was brought into being by a Scotsman. The Bank of England was founded in 1694, its principal projector being William Paterson. Government was, at the time, much distressed for want of money, chiefly from the defects and abuses in the system of taxation and partly from the difficulty of borrowing because of the supposed instability of the Revolutionary establishment, and the Bank grew out of a loan of £1,200,000 for the public service. One might suppose that the charter of those days would be a quaint document, but it reads very much like a modern "Memorandum of Association" and the only old world touch is in the clause which relates to the voting of electors, in which special reference is made and allowance made for the peculiarities of "the people called Quakers." Three years later, a very important concession was made when it was enacted that the "common capital and principal stock and also the real fund of the Governor and Company or any profit or produce to be made thereof or arising thereby, shall be exempted from any rates, taxes, assessments or impositions whatsoever during the continuance of the Bank." Two years after the founding of the Bank the great re-coinage caused difficulties and a suspension of payment on notes which were at a heavy discount, but the crisis was eventually weathered and the capital increased. On several occasions since, the Bank has had to contend with difficulties, the most interesting perhaps being the run on it when the Pretender reached Derby. To gain time all the demands were paid out in sixpences and shilings, but the retreat of the Pretender was the real salvation of the situation.

Mr. William Campbell has been Deputy Governor of the Bank since 1905, being a member of the firm of Curtis Campbell and Co. of Rood Lane. His predecessor in the Deputy Governorship, Mr. Edgar Lubbock, has been a Director of the Bank for some years and is a many-sided man. Besides being an LL. B. and D. L. he is Master of the Blankney Foxhounds. He is the eighth son of Sir John Lubbock, the third Baronet.]

THE RUSSIAN DUMA.

BUDGET REFERRED TO COMMITTEE.

Extension of Powers.

GOVERNMENT CONCILIATORY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 10.

M. Golovin, the Premier of the Duma, who is a Constitutional Democrat, is understood to be taking a stand with the Constitution against the Government, relative to the Duma's right to consult outside experts on the Budget.

An open conflict between the Duma and the Government, therefore appears inevitable.

LONDON, APRIL 10.

The Russian Duma by an overwhelming majority, composed of all parties, including the Labour Members against the Socialists, resolved to refer the Budget to a Committee.

The Socialists proposed to refuse to examine the Budget until the powers of the Duma were extended.

M. Kokovtseff, a Member of the Ministry, in a conciliatory speech, said that the Government would welcome from the Duma suggestions for economies.

THE THAW TRIAL.

Close of the Evidence.

THRILLING ADDRESS FOR THE DEFENCE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 10.

Thaw's Counsel concluded his speech for the defence, which was elaborately garnished with scriptural quotations.

He said that Thaw, after the tragedy, stretched out his arms in the form of a cross, as a priest after making a sacrificial offering.

Counsel appealed to the unwritten law, describing Thaw's mental condition as a species of insanity which makes the American believe that the honour of womenkind is sacred.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S LONDON VISIT.

Elaborate Preparations.

City Luncheon Proposed.

LONDON, APRIL 10.

The Corporation of the City of London proposes to give a luncheon in honour of Prince Fushimi at the Guildhall on May 10. An address of welcome, in a gold box, will be presented

It is hoped that His Majesty the King and the Prince and Princess of Wales will attend the function, which will be of an exceptionally elaborate character.

FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

Speech by the Kaiser.

A Noble Aim.

LONDON, APRIL 10.

The Kaiser receiving M. Cambon, the new French Ambassador, said he entirely sympathised with the work of developing good relations between Germany and France.

An understanding between two great nations, said His Majesty, was an aim worthy of all noble minds.

THE PORT SAID STRIKE.

Partial Termination.

LONDON, APRIL 10.

The strike of the colliers and workmen at Port Said is partially ended.

CALCUTTA FREE SCHOOL.

Proposed Transfer to Ranchi.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

It has been decided to remove the Free School from Calcutta to Ranchi. Details have yet to be settled, but it is understood that a friendly suit will be filed in the High Court shortly to settle one or two small points connected with the Trust, and when this has been decided a properly formulated scheme will be published. The change will not be allowed to bear heavily on the poor of the City, whose children are for the most part on the school registers. A fund will be created to meet travelling expenses of children from Calcutta and thus an objection, which at one time was believed to be reasonable, will be removed.

NEW ANGLO-INDIAN CLUB FOR CALCUTTA.

Inauguration on the 15th.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

The new Calcutta Club, for the English and Indians, appears to be taking actual shape. A further meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Friday evening, for the purpose of electing a Committee and completing the preliminary business, and on Monday next, the 15th, the Club will be inaugurated with a dinner at the temporary Club-House, 17, Elysium Row.

THE EXCISE BILL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

The Excise Bill is under preparation on the lines suggested by Sir William Thompson's Committee.

1ST PUNJAB VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

Record of Strength and Efficiency.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 10.

Statistics by the Officer Commanding, the 1st Punjab Volunteer Rifles, show that this Corps is now stronger than at any previous time in its history, extending over a period of 46 years. There was an increase of no fewer than 159 men during the twelve months which ended on 31st March last, the total number on the rolls on that date being 855 (adults 660, cadets 195). Only 26 of the members on the active list failed to qualify for the Capitation Grant. The total grant earned is over Rs. 25,000, about Rs. 5,000 more than in the previous year.

The results of the Annual Inspections at all the stations were very satisfactory, both as regards attendance and efficiency, and there is every reason to believe that favourable reports have been submitted by the Inspecting Officers.

THE S. S. "TROWBRIDGE" ASHORE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, APRIL 10.

This afternoon, a telegram received from Kalmunai, on the East Coast, reports that the steamer "Trowbridge," from Calcutta, is ashore at the village of Komaruja, and is one mile from land. The local Headman is rendering all assistance. Home authorities' instructions are awaited, but refloating is possible with prompt assistance.

CAWNPORE NEW JAIN TEMPLE.

Preparations for Inauguration.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, APRIL 10.

The magnificent new Jain Temple which was in course of construction on the Juhi-Galimpur Road, some 4½ miles out of Cawnpore, has been completed on spacious grounds covering several acres. The formal opening ceremony takes place on the 21st instant. The structure is said to be one of the finest in India. Active preparations are now proceeding for the accommodation of visitors at the opening ceremony.

MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Budget Debate.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 10.

The Debate on the Budget in the Madras Legislative Council continued all to-day.

At the conclusion of His Excellency the Governor's interesting speech reviewing the administration of the past year, several non-official Members made lengthy speeches, the burden of all which for the most part referred to the want of more education.

The Hon'ble Srinivasa Rao recommended a more equitable and representative method of recruiting for the public service.

The Hon'ble Sivasawmy Iyer, representative of the Madras University, spoke regarding the encourage to be given to second-grade colleges.

Allusion was made by several Hon'ble Member to the unaccountably high prices prevailing in this Presidency during the past quinquennium.

ABORMAL CAWNPORE WEATHER.

Rise in the Price of Ice.

PREVALENCE OF DUST STORMS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, APRIL 10.

We are again experiencing, though early in the season the same affliction as last year, in the matter of ice supply. In excessively hot days last year, when the consumption of ice was great and the supply short, contractors taking advantage of the situation charged two and four annas per seer. This enhanced rate of two annas is being already demanded, and unless the Municipality steps in to protect consumers, there is every prospect of prices running up even higher than that of last year. The weather here is very oppressive at present and a tremendous dust storm is now sweeping over the station.

BHARIAN GHAT PUMPING STATION.

Insufficiency of Machinery.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, APRIL 10.

Owing to the breakdown of one of the engines at the Bharian Ghat Pumping Station, the water-supply has been extremely defective for days past, 24hours continuous running being found compulsory to meet daily requirements. The engine has been now put right, but it is authoritatively stated that the present pumping installation is quite inadequate to cope with the enormous supply, to meet which, both the engines, instead of only one, are kept working all the time. The local Municipality are in hopes of increasing the pumping force when Government makes a grant for that purpose.

CAWNPORE-ACHNERA EXTENSION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CAWNPORE, APRIL 10.

The extension of the Cawnpore-Achnera Branch of the B. B. and C. I. Railway from the Rawatpur Station, to meet the B. I. Railway mill siding at the Victoria Mills extension, which was undertaken with a view to accelerate mill traffic, is proceeding rapidly. To facilitate construction *via* the Nawabgang Road, two diversions have been made to enable culverts being put up, but though the main road near the Victoria Mills and McRobert's village having been barricaded, the ordinary precaution of exhibiting danger signals have been neglected. A few nights ago a lady driving a trap almost came to grief up against the barricades, a similar mishap being met with by a gentleman in a motor car. Since then lanterns have been put up, though the public feel that red lights would be the proper thing.

THE TEA TRADE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

The first instalment (3 pies per pound) of Bonus at the rate of 6 pies per pound) has been paid on 80,771lbs. of Greout Tea.

THE VICEROY AT BAKTALI.

Fairly Good Sport.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

DEHRA, CAMP, APRIL 10.

A cheetah was shot on Monday, by Lord Minto, also the one which was wounded. The party returned on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock from Baktali, where a magnificent panther was beated up and shot by Captain Holden, Commander of the Body Guard. Three wild boar were also accounted for by Captain Mackenzie. Kunwar Tegh Bahadur Singh accompanied the party. There was a slight fall of rain in Camp: the weather is continuously cloudy but fairly cool.

Arrangements are being made for more shooting at Mohun next week where Lady Minto enjoyed a week's sport last year.

KING OF SIAM AT COLOMBO.

Reception by the Governor.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLOMBO, APRIL 10.

The King of Siam arrived here yesterday afternoon, and sails to-day. His Majesty was met aboard the "Sachsen" by the Siamese and German Consuls and received by the Governor and Lady Blake at Queen's House where His Majesty was entertained to a dinner.

During the drive round Colombo the King and party were caught in a thunderstorm, 1·15 inch of rain falling in twenty-two minutes.

The Sinhalese Headman, aged 80 years, presented the King to-day with a bronze image of Buddha 400 years old.

The King's trip costs £10,000 sterling, the penalty for detention of the vessel beyond the contract period being £470 daily.

AMRITSAR-PATTI RAILWAY.

Proposed Extension to Kasur.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 10.

The Directors of the Amritsar-Patti Railway Company, Limited, in their report, made up to end of 1906, say:—Your Directors have been in negotiation with the Railway Board for a concession to raise funds for the construction of the extension line to Kasur on the Raewind-Bhatinda line, since April last. In reply to their first application the Railway Board informed them that they were unable to entertain the proposal as the extension was to be undertaken by the Government of India. Your Directors replied strongly urging the claims of your Company in this matter, and were subsequently asked by the Railway Board to submit their revised proposals. This they did in January, but have not so far received any reply. They trust, however, a favourable reply will be received shortly as it would greatly improve the prospects of the Company the line were extended to Kasur.

The *Civil and Military Gazette* remarks on this:—It would be interesting to know how Mr. Baker reconciles the facts here disclosed with his too generous defence of the generally unpopular Railway Board and its policy.

NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Laying the Foundation-Stone at Sealdah.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10

The laying of the foundation-stone of the new Catholic Church on the site of the old Chapel of St. John, attached to the Sealdah Cemetery, by the Right Reverend Dr. Brice Menleman, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Calcutta, took place last evening.

SMALL-POX IN CALCUTTA.

Construction of Vaccination Stations.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

In view of the ravages of small-pox in Calcutta, the Health Officer has proposed the construction of public Vaccination Stations in the city, for want of which the work of vaccination is seriously handicapped.

The Commissioners have unanimously adopted the recommendation.

SAD DROWNING FATALITY.

Gallantry of Coolies.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

A Chinese boy fell into a tank yesterday in the Entally district of Calcutta. His mother and father who did not know to swim were drowned in attempting to rescue him. Some coolies brought all the bodies out of the water. The boy is recovering

GOVERNOR OF THE FRENCH INDIES.

Awarded the Legion of Honour.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 10.

A cablegram from Paris announces that the President of the Republic, on the recommendation of the Minister of the Colonies, conferred on M. Angoulvant, Governor of the French Indies, the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN HENDERSON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 10.

The sudden death has occurred on board the B.I.S.N. s.s. "Ellora" off Tuticorin, on Sunday last, of Captain Henderson.

The deceased, who had been in the service of B.I. for many years, broke a blood vessel and expired before any one on board knew what had happened.

ARBUTHNOT BANKRUPTCY.

Cross-Examination of Sir George.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 10.

Mr. Chamier concluded his cross-examination of Sir George Arbuthnot in the High Court to-day. He informed the Court that certain documents from England have not arrived and that he was instructed on behalf of the creditors to state that he could not possibly cross-examine upon those documents. Counsel then filed a list of documents and asked permission to file some more when he received them, as they were certain balance sheets which have not yet been received. Counsel also filed two letters both of which were from Mr. Macfadyen to Sir George Arbuthnot, dated 12th and 19th October 1906, respectively. In the first of these Mr. Macfadyen wrote that if the disaster was not averted he did not know how he could survive, while in the next he concluded by saying: "That I still survive is a marvel, but I am at about the end of my tether."

Mr. Adam, on behalf of the Trustee in the Bankruptcy, brought to the notice of the Court that he had received no instructions yet from his client, but hoped to get them by the end of the week. He might possibly wish to put some questions subsequently and would not, therefore go into the Madras business, but the Trustee might send him out certain special instructions and he would take the opportunity of putting questions when instructions arrived.

Justice Subramanya Iyer said he could always direct Sir George Arbuthnot to answer any questions that were found necessary. Mr. C. R. Thiravengada Chariar then undertook the cross-examination of Sir George Arbuthnot.

ANDHRA SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

Pittapur Rajahs on Purity and Conference.

COCANADA MEETING.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 10.

At the Third Andhra Social Conference held in Coconada under the presidency of Rao Bahadur P. Venkata Krishnayya Naidu of Guntur, the Rajah of Pittapur moved the following resolution on temperance and social purity—That this Conference resolves that every effort should be made to check the use of intoxicating liquor and narcotic drugs and urges the necessity for the stricter observance of personal purity in speech, thought and action, discouraging the employment of Nautch girls in temple service, processions on festive occasions and of introducing more innocent entertainments in their place. The Rajah in concluding his remarkable speech proposing the above resolution said:—"We have one course of action open to us now. We should avoid and keep out all those who indulge in these immoral things, whether they be our near relatives or friends, Rajahs, Maharajahs, wealthy Zamindars, or poor people. We should have nothing to do with such people: they must be excommunicated from decent society, but when they repent for their sins sincerely and cease to do the same, we must of course, receive them into our society, as we firmly believe God will mercifully receive all repentant sinners. We must always remember that what we really need is not heaps of money, but morality of character."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 10.

Lt.-Col. Vores, R. F. A., embarks for India on the 19th of April to join the 3rd Brigade of the Royal F. A.

Captain Cossart, R. F. A., is posted to the 7th Battery, R. F. A.

Captain Mellor is post to the 64th Battery, R. F. A.

Capt. R. G. Tyler of the Royal Garrison Artillery, is posted to No. 2 Mountain Battery on vacating the appointment of Adjutant, R. G. A., Quetta.

Captain Crester of No. 2 Mountain Battery, is transferred to No. 1 Mountain Battery at Jutogh.

Colonel Sitwell of the East Lancashire Regiment, is appointed to Officiate in Command of the Ahmednagar Brigade, vice Brigadier-General Kelly, on leave.

Lieutenant Summers of the 93rd Infantry, is transferred from the Burma Division to the Western Command.

2nd Lieutenant Rearden of the Unattached List is attached to the 2nd Battalion, Royal Warwickshire Regiment, with a view to qualifying for Admission to the Indian Army.

Major O'Bryen of the 27th Punjabis, is appointed Commandant of the Regiment, vice Colonel Wallace appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, Peshawar Division.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

Leave of absence out of India is granted to the undermentioned Officers as follows:—Captain (Honorary Major) William Boughton Chambers, Bombay Volunteer Rifles, from 6th April to 5th October.

Lieutenant A. Mackrell, 109th Infantry, will be attached to the 113th Infantry from the 10th of April, up to 7th of May, inclusive, for the purpose of studying for the Examination in Hindustani, Higher Standard, Part I.

Deputy Commissary and Honorary Captain R. Cubbon, Supply and Transport Corps, is transferred from Deolali to 4th (Quetta) Divison. Lieut. F. J. Skinner, Assistant Commissary from Poona, is posted to Deolali vice Captain Cubbon.

WESTERN COMMAND ORDERS.

1st Duke of York's Own Lancers (Skinner's Horse).—Major C Davis, 2nd-in-Command, to be Commandant, vice Brevet-Colonel C. H. Hayes, vacated. Dated 1st April.

Major H. L Roberts, M. V. O., 2nd Squadron Commander, to be 2nd-in-Command, vice Major C. Davis appointed Commandant. Dated 1st April.

28th Light Cavalry.—Lieutenant-Colonel L. W. C Kerrich, 2nd-in-Command, to be Commandant, vice Lieutenant-Colonel H. W. E. Georges, vacated. Dated 2nd March.

Major F. C. Logan-Home, 2nd Squadron Commander, to be 2nd-in-Command, vice Lieutenant-Colonel L. W. C. Kerrich appointed Commandant. Dated 2nd March.

33rd Punjabis.—Major C. G. Nurse, 113th Infantry, to be Commandant. Dated 21st March.

102nd King Edward's Own Grenadiers—2nd-Lieutenant R. C. Christie, Unattached List, attached 1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be an Officiating Double Company Officer. Dated 24th March.

113th Infantry.—2nd-Lieutenant H. Conder, Unattached List, attached 1st Battalion, West Yorkshire Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a Double Company Officer. Dated 23rd March.

113th Infantry.—Lieutenant-Colonel E. M. Reed, 2nd Double Company Commander, to be 2nd-in Command, vice Major C. G. Nurse appointed Commandant, 33rd Punjabis. Dated 21st March.

114 Mahrattas.—2nd-Lieutenant H. N. K. Bremner, Unattached List, attached 1st Battalion, Royal Sussex Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a Double Company Officer. Dated 22nd March.

119th Infantry The Mooltan Regiment.—2nd-Lieutenant W. L. Miskin, Unattached List, attached to 2nd Battalion, North Staffordshire Regiment, a candidate for the Indian Army, to be a Double Company Officer. Dated 20th March.

120th Rajputana Infantry.—2nd-Lieutenant W L. Miskin, Double Company Officer, 119th Infantry, is attached for duty pending the return to India of the 119th Infantry, or until further orders.

42nd Deolali Regiment.—2nd-Lieutenant C.G. Spanki Double Company Officer, 73rd Carnatic Infantry, is transferred in the same capacity.

Lieutenant J. S. Richardson, Royal Engineers, on transfer from Military Works Services joined the 3rd Sappers and Miners on the 20th March.

The following transfer is ordered.—Lieutenant P. Mortimer, from Poona to Quetta as Commandant, 14th Mule Corps.

PLAYS AND PASTIMES.

MISS VESTA TILLEY.

End of the Hunting Season.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, MARCH 22.

This has been one of the most uneventful weeks I ever remember in the Theatrical year. There has been nothing produced and nothing promised. Even the Variety Theatres have little in the way of novelty. There are still plenty of Gibson Girls and Living Statues. The craze for living statuary so successfully revived by the artistic performance of La Milo, has brought into the variety market a host of similar Acts, and managers are vying with each other in regard to securing them for their programmes. The eulogies bestowed upon the peculiar and interesting performance of the Zancigs have been the means of producing and reviving innumerable Acts of this kind; and though originally known as "second sight" or "thought reading," this type of show is now exploited under the more ambitious title of "mental telepathy"—thanks to the Zancigs Some artistes are inclined to blame the managers for booking, and thus encouraging direct imitations of these successful "novelties," but i is not the manager or the copyist who deserves censure—it is the public. The Gibson Girl has been copied and utilised in countless productions, because the public expressed an insane desire to see her anywhere and everywhere. Music-hall comedians and comediennes have not hesitated to introduce the lady to their audiences; and who shall blame them, since the public demand her constant appearance?

MISS VESTA TILLEY.

There have been many absurd rumours lately about the parentage of Miss Vesta Tilley. Here is the truth. The famous male impersonator says it is a general impression that she is a native of Birmingham, but such is not the case. She was born at Worcester, but spent the greater part of her early days in Birmingham. Her present permanent residence is in London, a charming house at Tulse Hill. Miss Tilley is the daughter of the late Harry Bale, and she recently told the writer how she got her stage name. "I was, until about twelve years ago, always appearing in male characters. People were in doubt whether I was really a boy or a girl, there being nothing in my name. 'The Great Little Tilley,' to indicate. I was at this time fulfilling a long engagement at the old Royal, when the manager suggested to my father that my name should be altered to 'Lady Tilley.' My father, however, ran over a few words in an old dictionary lying on the table and selected 'Vesta' which I also liked. The two titles, 'Vesta' and 'Lady,' were then put in a hat, and I was commanded to take one out, which should be my stage name. I did so, and was happy to find it was 'Vesta'. Up to two years ago," says Miss Tilley, "I was frequently sailing, and long journeys—for the matter of that short ones too—were a source of much dread to me. The motor car has given me the fresh air needed. I have had no serious accidents. Our worst journey was from Newcastle to Birmingham in a recent snowstorm. We had to stop several times on the way to have the snow cleared off the front of the car. I can stand the worst kind of weather now, whereas, two years ago such an experience would have killed me." The great impersonator's pet idea is to establish "Vesta Tilley" cots in Children's Hospitals in as many of the large towns as she can. At the present time she renders a good deal of service to charitable objects by requests for modest donations in return for her autograph, which is so persistently demanded and so cheerfully given. She would raise a part of the money requisite to the establishment of each cot by benefit performances, and the remainder of the money would, of course, have to come out of her own pocket. Last Christmas, Miss Tilley got the strangest Christmas present she ever received. It was a half-penny peg top, given her by a little urchin at a charity entertainment. He thrust it into her hand as she was leaving the hall with the words: "Will yer 'ave this, Miss Tilley?" Of course, she took it.

THE HIPPODROME.

Visiting the London Hippodrome the other day, I was fortunate enough to select an occasion when Mdlle. Von Etta, "the lady illusionist," was presenting, for the first time, a new series of illusions and specialities. The principal item among the new productions was an original illusion, which was so mystifying that it almost baffles description In the centre of the arena, in full view of the audience, a heavy box is suspended on ropes from the roof. After giving positive proof that the box is genuinely solid and heavy, a man is laid inside. The box is drawn up into mid-air, all the while remaining in full view of the audience. Mdlle. Von Etta then mounts to the stage, where is shown a perfectly empty travelling trunk. This is placed on a swinging platform, and is kept in motion all the time. Now comes the intense moment. Stepping to the front of the stage, the lady fired a revolver. Down dropped the box from mid-air, and lo! when it reaches the ground every vestige of both man and box have disappeared. Again, after the quick firing of the revolver, the attendant opens the box on the stage, out of it steps the man who a short time before entered the box in the arena. He was accounted for, but where! oh where! was the box? It is undoubtedly the finest illusion that has ever been performed at the London Hippodrome. The costume worn by Mdlle. Von Etta (one out of about fifteen she wears during her performance), is a splendid French military uniform, which shows her fine figure to advantage. Another new item in the same show is a lightning stage transformation from Von Etta's "palace of electricity" to a gorgeous "Britannia" spectacle, with transparent illuminations of the King and Queen. In the foreground of the tableaux, which is formed in no more than four seconds, the lady is fully robbed as "Britannia", surrounded by representatives of the Army, Navy and Colonies. This is a stirring finale to a wonderfully clever act and is thoroughly appreciated by the audience. This lady has, without doubt, made her mark as an illusionist of the highest order. Her mystifications are interspersed with Protean art of great merit. This makes her entertainment doubly interesting.

THE END OF HUNTING.

The Hunting Season has now practically drawn to a close. The hurrying hind need hurry no more after next week. The fox will soon rest, in this country, at any rate Abroad, the fox is vermin, pure and simple, and has no respite. The Marquis D'Imbleval writes to a Parisian paper counselling his countrymen to profit by the English taste for fox-hunting, which he attributes (sic) to England no longer having either red or fallow deer to hunt. For some years he has given the foxes on his estate as a perquisite to his head keeper, and that beneficiary sends a score at least each year across the Channel. Here is new light on the origin of bagmen. But has the Board of Agriculture nothing to say to this indiscriminate importation of the second cousin of the dog?

GOLF.

A London Paper comments on the spread of golf in both France and America, and is quite justified in prophesying that the recent success of Arnaud Massey at Hythe will probably stimulate rivalry among professionals in the championships, just as the win of Mr. Travis did among the amateurs. Its further suggestion, however, that a number of French and Basque professionals will thereby be created owing to the attraction of the game as a remunerative career, is open to criticism The Basque, at any rate, has in his national pelota, (the of the *jai alai* one-time Spanish colonies) a far more paying game, and one, moreover, in which amateurs take no significant part.

E. B.

A LIBERAL M.P. was addressing a meeting when a voice rang out, "What about the Hebrides?" This last word, pronounced as two syllables, completely puzzled the speaker, till it dawned on him that the interruptor wanted his views on the New Hebrides!

NOTES FROM SECUNDERABAD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, APRIL 8.

COLONEL THOMPSON gave another of his delightful and social entertainments at the Residency Surgeon's gardens yesterday. There were a good many present and many Bridge tables were in requisition. Mrs. Hunt in tussore silk, Mrs. Minchin in white, Miss Bartlett in a very pretty muslin frock, Mrs. Patton-Bethune in brown, Mrs. Little in white, Miss Gilmore and Miss Reid, both in white, and many others were present. Croquet and tennis were much sought after.

In the evening the girls of the St. George's School gave an entertainment, the operetta "Princess Juju," in the Gymnasium building. The first part was musical. An overture by Mrs. Grant opened the proceedings, followed by a dance of the Dwarf Clowns, which was very amusing, as the little boys had put stockings and shoes on their hands, which gave a comical effect when dancing. The "Club" drill done by the girls was very good as the time was excellent.

Another action song followed, given by the little girls dressed as "Turkee Turks." Some of the children were very pretty. The little operatta "Princess Juju" followed and was most excellently acted: the girls never hesitated, no prompter was necessary and the play went through without a hitch. The play is in three acts. The first represents the Court of the Emperor "Hokipoki-tippititoptop" *en fete*, as festivities are being held in honour of the coming of age of the Emperor's daughter, "Princess Juju." The Prince who, it was foretold, would arrive to wed the Princess, is expected, but instead of arriving in State he comes as a lowly minstrel attended by two companions, having been robbed on the way. The Emperor orders them to be put into a dungeon to await execution the next day.

In Act II, the Princess, who feels that this really is the Prince and no impostor, seeks an interview with a magician in an enchanted glen, who promises her that she shall discover the stolen jewels. The Spirits of the Night cast a spell over the Princess and send her to sleep.

In Act III, the Court is assembled to witness the execution of the Prince, when the Princess appears on the scene, accompanied by the Spirits of the Night. She proves the Prince to be no impostor, and produces the "Golden Amulet" as a token of the sincerity of the story of the robbery. The Emperor relents and bestows his blessing on the happy pair.

The scenery was beautifully painted by the girls of the School; the dances were arranged by Miss Williams and Miss Bayley; and Miss Williams played the accompaniment during the whole evening.

The play was most tastefully arranged and great praise is due to the Head Mistress and her assistant for all the trouble and care they must have bestowed on the entertainment. Their efforts met with reward, for the acting throughout was exceptionally good, especially that of the Princess Juju (Miss Ross), the Emperor (Miss Rookfort), Ta Ta (Miss O. Ross), and Prince Fushu, (Miss C. Bowen). The latter caused great amusement by her by-play and facial expression, especially in the 3rd Act, when he was in mortal fear of losing his head. Considering that the entire scenery was painted by the girls, as well as having been perfect in the parts, too much praise cannot be be bestowed on the promoters and workers, as well as on the pupils, and we hope to be able to record at some future date the acting of another piece, which we trust will meet with as warm approval as this one has done. The dresses, which were good, were arranged by Miss Williams. The piece drew a handsome sum towards the Library of the Girls' School.

On Saturday, another of those delightful dances was given at the Bolarum Mess. There were about 28 ladies present. Dancing was kept up with great spirit, with twelve dances and several extras. The night was cool and as there was plenty of room, the dancers enjoyed the lovely floor better than when the room is more crowded. Mrs. Rampini in a lovely shade of apricot pink, Mrs. Hawke in white embroidered with pearls, Mrs. Little in a white satin dress covered with handsome black lace, Mrs Bean in white, Mrs. Rea in a very handsome Empire dress painted with flowers, Mrs. Hill in pastel blue, Mrs. Fisher in pale pink; Mrs. Vizard wore a lovely brocaded dress, which fitted her to perfection, Mrs. Mathewes in a very pretty maize-coloured net dress, Miss Reid and Miss Gilmore wore black. The dance was an exceptionally good one.

There are still more departures to be recorded. We will be sorry to lose Major and Mrs. Mathewes, who go home shortly to England on leave.

Major-General Sir Wolfe-Murray, K.C.B., arrived in Bolarum on Saturday, and is the guest of General Hamilton. He leaves again on tour on Wednesday.

Sir Kishen Pershad, the Prime Minister, has left Hyderabad for a change.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY GLEE SINGERS.

An Evening of Choice Vocalism.

The Westminster Abbey Glee Singers had an appreciative reception at the Town Hall last night. They rendered a splendid programme of songs and glees, and every item met with vociferous applause. It is difficult to pick and choose in a programme so replete with good things, but Mr. Sterndale Bennett's rendering of "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep" was one of the best things of the evening. The "artiste" who may be said to have carried off the palm was Master Hole, a tiny boy with an angelic voice who sang "Spring's the time for love" with much verve as well as sweetness. He met with thundering plaudits and gave the old familiar "Cherry Ripe" by way of encore. Madame Marie Hooton was the only lady vocalist but she worthily represented her sister artistes on the stage, and her "Annie Laurie" was a song to be remembered. After all, the public loves nothing better than the songs of other days.

The humorous element was supplied by Mr. Harry Ivimey, whose merry moments are familiar to us in the old Country. He was very good last night and greatly amused his audience. Mr. Frederick Pitman sang "Gipsy John" in good style, and the four little choristers gave some childhood ditties accompanied by Mr. Bennett, who composed them, with delightful ingenuousness. For the rest, the evening was spent with the Glee Singers; Mr. Haydn Fraser, male alto, Mr. Edward Branscombe and Mr. Edward Dalzell, tenors; and Mr. Sterndale Bennett and Mr. Frederick Pitman, basses, whose voices were frequently blended in the most perfect melody unaccompanied by the piano, which, with them, is superfluous. To musical folk the evening was an exceptionally enjoyable one, and though there was a very good audience, it is surprising that the hall was not packed. Fine vocalism is not necessarily tame or tedious, and the audience last night would willingly have stayed longer had the programme permitted it. The Glee Party give two more evening performances and a Matinee, for particulars of which see our advertising Columns.

After arriving at Kabul the Amir, it is reported, will make an extensive tour, visiting Herat and other parts of his dominions.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Dholka Railway for the week ending 16th February, amounted to Rs. 1,915, being an increase on the corresponding week of last year, of Rs. 235. The total earnings from 1st January to 16th February were Rs. 13,730, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year, of Rs. 1,953.

THE AUNDH COMMISSION.

Pirya Mang's Sensational Story.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

SATARA, APRIL 9.

The scene in Court to-day was worthy of immortalization. The Chief of Aundh who had hitherto held aloof, appeared in Court the moment Pirya Mang, his betrayer, entered. But before that the proceeding were of usual order.

Rungoo Ramchandra, the Aundh State Chitnis, who was cross-examined yesterday, was re-called to-day for further cross-examination by Mr. Daji Abajee Khare. The witness said :—The Kharbari saw the Chief in August 1905, at Kinhai. I was not present. The Kharbari told me he was going to see the Chief on account of the Budget. I accompanied the Kharbari to the Chief's place. The Chief told me he wanted to speak to the Kharbari and asked me to go out. The Kharbari told me to prepare a draft Budget with the help of two or three others. The Bombay Government had written something about the State Budget for 1904-1905. The Kharbari had seen the Chief four or five times at Kinhai. The Kharbari then returned to Aundh. I was always with the Chief at Kinhai. The Chief had power to receive appeals against the decisions of the Kharbari. It was not necessary to refer matters to the Political Agent when the Chief reversed the decisions of the Kharbari. The Chief appointed one Mr. Apte, LL.B., as head clerk. The Kharbari objected to the matter and referred it to the Political Agent. I am getting Rs. 75 per month and drew it with retrospective effect from Dada Saheb's time.

Mr. Logan : What is the relevancy of all this? I hope it is going to lead to something.

Mr. Khare : We want to show that Nana Saheb was not the only Chief who lived away from Aundh, as the other side repeatedly suggested.

Mr. Logan : But that has nothing to do with the charge. We are not here to enquire into misconduct.

The witness continuing said :—I know Balku Ingle. He was not under Dada Saheb, but under Nana Saheb, the present Chief, continuously. Balku had a shop previously. When the list of prisoners was recommended for release, the Chief enquired about Bhasker. When Nana Saheb went from Kinhai to Aundh he was accompanied by sowcars, and clerks, also by the Rani Saheb. Balku Ingle was one of the karkoons. I do not remember if any other clerks were with the Chief in a tonga near the Kharbari's house. There were four or five tongas behind. The Kharbari did not go to the Chief's tonga but salaamed him. The Kharbari did not speak anything to the Chief. There was a procession to Rama's temple. The Chief was on an elephant with Bhau Saheb. The Kharbari did not come to the temple or take part in the procession.

Re-examined by Mr. Rao :—I told one Date, the Deputy Chitnis, what the Kharbari said when he was omitted from the interview between the Chief and the Kharbari, viz., that the Kharbari said if the Government would not take notice of the affair he (the Kharbari) would have his revenge and not look on the face of the Chief. I have not told this to anybody else. I did not tell it to the Political Agent when I was examined because I was not asked.

Q.—You knew that the Political Agent was enquiring into the Chief's conduct. Why did you not then mention these words used by the Kharbari? I was ordered to answer the questions put to me. My impression was that I had only to answer questions put to me. I told the Kharbari that Deshpandi was wrong in saying that he (the Kharbari) was angry because he was let out of the interview between the Commissioner and the Chief.

Q.—Who made the arrangements for the reception and installation of the Chief at Aundh?—They were made under the Kharbari's orders. It is not necessary for the Kharbari to attend Durbars. At the Durbars, the astrologer reads a forecast of the year. Besides this, *pan-supari* is distributed. The Dussera Darbar is the State Durbar, and is the principal Durbar. It is distinguished from a private Durbar. At the time of the Dussera Durbar nuzzers are presented to the Chief by his servants, but no such presents are made at private Durbars. Nana Saheb did not attend the *maga purina* festival of 1906.

Q.—Has Balku Ingle continue in Nana Saheb's service?—Yes, till December last. He was with Nana Saheb at Kinhai till then.

By the Court—I was not present at the *maga purina* festival.

Q.—The Kharbari asked Deshpandi outside the Court why he had made the statement in Court that he (the Kharbari) was angry because he was not at the Commissioner's interview. At this juncture I went up to them. I observed that the Kharbari was angry with Deshpandi, so when the Kharbari asked me whether he was angry, to please him I said he was not.

The Court.—Then you told a lie?—Yes, I told a lie to the Kharbari on Friday last because the Kharbari was angry with Deshpandi and to please him when he turned to me and asked me whether he was angry.

PIRYA MANG'S EVIDENCE.

Pirya Luxman Mang, the escaped convict from the Aundh Jail and the chief witness, was called and examined by Mr. Rao.—I was in the Aundh Jail when Nana Saheb, the present Chief, was installed. One Bhasker Purhoit was also in Jail. I remember that some prisoners were released on Nana Saheb's installation. Neither I nor Bhasker Purhoit were released. I know one Balku Ingle. Balku Ingle visited me in Jail this was 8 days before the installation of Nana Saheb. Kassim Bhaldar and Balku Ingle came to see me on that occasion. Kassim Bhaldar is mare-bearer to the Chief. Balku Ingle is described as Private Secretary to the Chief. When Balku Ingle and Kassim came to see me I was working in the Jail garden. They said that the Maharajah was to be installed and that I would be released. They further said they would recommend me for release. They said as some prisoners were to be released, I too would be released. I said, it would be "all right" as I had to undergo another year's imprisonment. I was in Jail for a year or 1½ years. I was sentenced to three or two years for committing a dacoity at Aundh. After this conversation with Balku and Kassim, both of them went away. Balku afterwards saw me. This was two months later. Four or five days after the prisoners were released both Balku and Kassim Bhaldar came to me in the Jail garden where I was working. I told them all the prisoners were released, what offence had I committed that I should not also be released. They said "Maharajah and we have tried our best for your release, but the Kharbari would not consent. Will you do what we tell you." I said : "What is it?" They said : "We will tell you if you promise not to mention it." I promised not to disclose the matter, saying "Don't you know me." Balku and Kassim both said they would release me. They administered an oath to me, and I took it. I took an oath and Balku also took an oath. Balku said after you are released, you are to collect 10 or 20 men, commit a dacoity at the Kharbari's house and to kill him. They said after the work was finished I should go to him and they would give me a reward. I said "all right." At that time I remained silent for some time, when they referred to a murder. When I remained silent they said "you have taken an oath, why are you now hesitating." After a while I said the matter was very bad and unless I saw the Chief I would not give a promise. They said "all right" we will arrange for an interview with the Chief in a short time. After that they walked away. After 7 or 8 days the Chief came to the Camp at Aundh. The prisoners were removed on account of plagne into huts near the tank, and I was working in the Jail garden. The Chief came to the garden where I was working. This was in the morning. With him were Balku, Kassim Bhaldar, the Foujdar, the Jailor and peons. The Jailor and peons were at a distance. Balku and Kassim were near the Chief. I came close to the Chief and salaamed him. Then Balku and Kassim pointed me out and said to the Chief. "This is the man." The Chief asked me my name and from where I came. I gave my name and said I came from Chinchni. The Chief then went near the tank and asked the Jailor to take out the ducks. The Jailor asked Krishna warder to take out the ducks from the tank. Krishna took them out and I caught them. I then stood before the Maharajah who told Krishna to send them with me to his tent in camp. The Chief then left. I put the ducks in a box and carried them to the Chief's camp at 12 noon with Krishna warder. I started at 12. I took the geese and Krishna took some lucerne with him. In front of the tent the Maharajah and the Rani were sitting and so was Balku. I placed the ducks before the Maharajah who asked me to take them to the guard. I then handed them over to the guard. Balku came from the back door of the tent and asked me to come into the tent. The Chief asked Krishna to take the lucerne to the horses which were at a distance of 200 yards. Krishna did so. I stood in front of the Chief. The Chief said : "Balku and Krishna have told you something : what about it? The work must be done. The Chief further said you have to collect men after you escape, commit a dacoity on the Kharbari's house and cut off his legs and hands. If you do this, I will give you and your companions a reward. Meanwhile Krishna warder came up. Balku said : "Who is guarding Pirya, Krishna answered that he was. Bhasker then told Krishna to take me away. After that we went to the Jail. Kassim asked me when I was going to run away. I said : "you have asked me to run away, how can I do so with chains on my legs. He said "have a device to remove your chains." Then Bhasker Purhoit, a Brahman prisoner, came up. Kassim said to me: "Listen to Bhasker, he knows how to get rid of the chains, do as he tells you! While we were talking, the guard called aloud from where he was standing about 50 yards away. The guard, (rakivaldar) name is Dadu Ramoshi, who was looking after me and also looking after the pigeons. Dadu Ramoshi said to me, "Don't sit there talking to people but mind your work." Bhasker said he would release me and to let Kassim go. Then Bhasker and Kassim left the place. Two or three days after this I ran away. On the day I ran away I had a talk with Bhasker. I went to the Jail garden at 9 a.m. to work, and Bhasker came to me. Bhasker said : "Are you ready to go or not?" I said, if he set me free I would go. Bhasker said : "Take of the chain from your waist, I will remove the rings. I slipped down the chain from my waist. Bhasker brought two pieces of flint in his pocket which he took out and filed the rivets. The rivets were removed and piece of wood were inserted. In order that the rings may not drop off they were tied with blanket thread. Bhasker said to me : "When you return to the Jail, don't take your food with the other prisoners as they might see your chains." He asked me to sit on a blanket and said that he would make me a sign as to when I should escape and that he would take the guard on one side. Accordingly he was talking with the other guards at 8 or 9 p.m. I then ran away. When I was talking to Bhasker, one Dhondi, a prisoner, came up. Bhasker asked him why he had come there and he went away. When I escaped I placed my clothing and chains on my bedding. I had only a *langoti* on my person. I had a double *langoti*. The guard did not see me, they were talking with Bhasker near a fire. When I escaped I went towards Karad, and thence to my house at Chinchni. Chinchni is my native place. Generally I live at Sonkira. While I was at Chinchni I lived with Rama, in a field. After reaching Chinchni, I did not intend to do the work in futherance of the plot. Two or three days after I ran away Two or three people came to see at Sitaram Kulkurni, who is brother-in-law of Balku. One of the three was Miria Mang of Sadu. Miria had absconded and was concealing himself. Miria asked me how I escaped from the Jail. I told him I ran away by the help of the Chief and his people. While we were talking another Mang boy named Baboo came up. They asked me why I was released. I told them I was let off because I had to commit a dacoity at the Kharbari's house and kill him. I asked Miria whether he could collect some people. He said he would think over and let me know. Miria did not give me any definite reply. I took Babia aside and asked him if he could collect some people as I had to commit a murder. He said he would consult his friends and let me know. Miria stayed at Chinchni for two days and Babia went away after the conversation. Babia returned after a fortnight and saw me. He asked me to go with him towards Patan as some people wanted me. I said I would not go, as I had a message to send to the Chief. He then left and I did not see him subsequently. Balku Ingle met me a fortnight or three weeks after I ran away. I was coming from Sonkira. Balku was in his brother-in-law Sitaram's field. Balku, on seeing me, beckoned to me. I went up to him. Balku asked me to come in the evening at the temple where I went at 8 p.m., and met him. Then Balku said : You have escaped, but you are doing nothing." I said I am trying to collect men. In the meantime Sitaram Kulkarni came up. Balku told Sitaram "I have entrusted this work to Pirya, don't catch him." Then Sitaram left for his house and Balku remained. Balku said : "collect men, soon." I said I would, and he left. After this I met Balku again. I went to his house at Chinchni when I heard that he had come. Balku's wife and family reside in Sitaram's house at Chinchni. On this occasion Balku said to me : "Here you are sitting idle, while the Chief is in a rage ; collect people and commit a dacoity sharp." I replied : "Yes, I am collecting men." My father-in-law Bala Mang happened to come to the place in search of me and to take me away. Balku had started a cloth shop in my village. Balku said to my father-in-law : "Pirya is let off to kill the Kharbari and here he is doing nothing." My father-in-law said "He is a poor man, how can he do the work?" Balku replied. "Pirya will do it to satisfy me." I saw Balku again after Devali at Chinchni. Balku said : "The Chief is very angry, you are called there, come along." He explained that the Chief was angry, because I was not doing the work. I said I could not go but to take Ramaya Mahar, who is my friend. I had taken him into my confidence regarding this matter. I sent Ramaya Mahar with Balku to the Chief and told him to tell the Chief that I was doing what he asked me to do. I saw Ramaya Mahar and Balku going off to the Maharajah. I asked Ramaya Mahar to get some money from the Maharajah, and if he gave it to bring it. Ramaya Mahar came back and said that the Chief was angry, and asked him to take Rs. 25 from Sitaram. I met Ramaya Mahar and I told him of the design on the Kharbari. I did not take any money from Sitaram nor did I ask him if he brought the money. I did not ask him because I did not want it at that time. I was arrested by the Sonkira Patel and Ramoshi. I was not arrested before, because I supplicated the village officers not to do so, especially the Sonkira Patel. At Chinchni Balku had asked the Kulkarni not to arrest me. While I was at Sonkira Police Constables did come to search for me, but I avoided them as I was harboured by the Sonkira Patel. The Patel and Kulkarni gave me information when the Police came to arrest me. After my arrest, I was eventually taken to Aundh. When I was taken to Aundh the Kharbari was not there. The Kharbari came eventually to the Jail and I met him. He asked me why I had escaped, and I told him that I had run away for nothing. I was in my cell. I remained silent after this when he abused me. I said I would not tell him anything there but in his bungalow. I was taken to his bungalow by two or four Jail peons. I told the Kharbari the story of the plot to murder him. I was examined by the Collector twice.

Waman Visnu Date, Deputy Chitnis at Aundh, was re-called and examined by Mr. Logan :—I saw Rangoo Ramchandra, the Chitnis at Padori station. The Karbhari was there. Rangoo told me nothing as to whether the Kharbari got angry because the Chief saw the Commissioner alone. The Kharbari and the Chitnis both looked sullen at the incident. I did not hear any remark to the effect that the Kharbari would seek revenge on the Chief and not look upon his face. But they looked annoyed. Rangoo Chitnis did not tell me at the time that the Kharbari had made this remark.

The case stands adjourned till to-morrow.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SATARA, APRIL 10.

Piria Mang was cross-examined today by Mr. Branson. The Chief of Aundh was present in Court during the cross-examination and left immediately after Piria said that when he went to the Karbari's bungalow, after being caputred, the first thing the Karbari asked him was to tell him the truth and he did so.

With regard to some discrepancies and omissions in the two statements he made at different times before Mr. Arthur, the Collector, he explained that what he omitted on the first occasion he furnished on being examined the second time, and what he omitted the second time he remembered to mention before the Commission He omitted to tell the Collector that at the interview between himself and the Maharaja at the tent, the Maharaja said to him to collect men and commit a dacoity on the Karbari's house, cut off his hands and legs and kill him. He mentioned this for the first time in Court. He next demonstrated how Bhasker, his fellow prisoner in the Aundh Jail, removed the rivets on his fetters and assisted him to escape. He did not attack any of the guards before running way. He did not get any money from either the Chief, Balku or Bhasker to enable him to carry out the plan, on escaping. He told the Collector that he never intended to do what the Chief wanted him to do. When asked if he did not intend to harm the Karbari after all, he replied that he had failed to collect men for the purpose of dacoity. He remembered having said yesterday that he did not intend doing anything, and that was why he did not want any money.

In re-examination he confessed that had he succeeded collecting men, he would have committed dacoity on the Karbari's house, and, of course, in the course of the dacoity, he would have killed the Karbari. In reply to Mr. Kincaid, he said he did not ask for money from Sitaram Kulkarni, the brother-in-law of Balku, because he had done nothing to put the plot into effect.

Anantaji Sontak, Coaching Clerk at the Poona station spoke to the fact of Balku, the Chief's Private Secretary, having visited him at Poona *en route* to Bombay in December last.

EUROPEAN AND COLONIAL SCOUTS.

Formation of a Special Company.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 10.

The idea of forming a special company of Scouts to be attached to one of the Infantry Volunteer Battalions in Calcutta has taken definite shape. The Company is to be recruited from amongst Europeans and Colonials, resident in Calcutta, and special qualifications in the way of soundness of wind and limb will be demanded, as the training is to be of a thoroughly practical kind.

Rainfall continues in Assam and in the Eastern delta of Bengal, and Simla yesterday experienced a heavy hail-storm.

PUBLIC COMPANIES' MEETINGS.

SHOLAPUR SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANY.

The Thirty-second annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Sholapur Spinning and Weaving Company was held yesterday, at the registered office, Tamarind Lane, Mr. Nowrojee Pestonjee Cama presiding.

The Directors' report stated :— It will be seen from the balance sheet that the amount to the credit of Profit and Loss account is Rs. 6,74,938-7-11, including Rs. 2,478-1-10 brought forward from last year's account. This result, the Directors consider to be satisfactory. Deducting from the above sum Rs. 1,20,000 paid as an *ad interim* dividend at the rate of Rs. 150 per share for the half year ended on the 30th June 1906, there remained Rs. 5,54,938-7-11 from which your Directors have set aside the following sums :—Reserve Fund Account Rs. 2,50,000: Deterioration of machinery Account, Rs. 1,00,000 ; dividend reserve Account, Rs. 10,000, Renewals of Buildings and Godowns Account, Rs. 15,000; Fire Insurance Fund Account, Rs. 10,000; Total Rs. 385,000. From the available balance of Rs. 1,69,938-7-11, your Directors recommend appropriation as under :— Dividend for the 2nd half-year ended 31st December 1906, at Rs. 200 per whole and Rs. 100 per half share, making for the whole year Rs. 350, equal to 35 per cent. per annum, Rs. 1,60,000, Bonus to the employees of the Company, Rs. 7,500 ; Balance to be carried forward to the account, of 1907 Rs. 2,438-7-11 : Total Rs. 1,69,938-7-11. The mill and its contents, including stock, have been insured to date for Rs. 36,08,120-0-0. Two of your Directors, Messrs. Narottan Morarjee Goculdas and Bhaishanker Nanabhai retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election. You will have to appoint auditors for the ensuing year and fix their remuneration.

The report and audited accounts were approved, adopted, and confirmed. A dividend at the rate of Rs. 200 per whole share, and Rs. 100 per half share, for the half year ending 31st December 1906, was declared Mr. Narottam Morarjee Gokuldas and Mr. Bhaishanker Nanabhai were re-elected directors; and in view of the efficient management and increased business of the Company the director's remuneration, including that of the chairman, was increased from Rs. 15 to Rs. 30 for each meeting attended by them. Rao Saheb Harjivan Sunderdas and Mr. Krishnanath A. Kirtikar were appointed auditors for the ensuing year, with a remuneration of Rs. 150 each per annum, with a further allowance of Rs. 200 each for travelling and other charges. Thanks were accorded to the Directors and Agents for their able and satisfactory management of the Company's affairs. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

CENTURY MILL COMPANY.

An ordinary general meeting of the above Company was held yesterday morning, at the office of the Company, "Bella Vista," Cumballa Hill. Mr. C. N. Wadia presided and the various resolutions, set forth in the notice published in the paper of the 3rd instant, were duly passed.

ROYAL ALFRED SAILORS' HOME.

THE Sixty-ninth annual Report of the Institution was presented to the subscribers at a meeting held last evening, when Mr. R. H. H. Hopkins, Shipping Master, presided.

The report of the Directors for the last year stated among other things:—The Directors of the Royal Alfred Sailors' Home have the pleasure to present to the Subscribers and others interested in the Institution their sixty-ninth annual report. The daily total number of Officers and Seamen of different ratings boarded in the Home during the year was 28,367 ; the daily average being 77·71 against a daily average of 90·58 in the previous year. The greatest number in the Home at any time during the year was 253, and the least 7. During the year 16 destitute Seamen were admitted to the Home and were maintained by the Board of Trade at the instance of the Shipping Master. There were 23 admissions to the St. George's Hospital of Seamen of the Merchant Service. Seamen of the Royal Navy requiring Medical attendance were treated by their own Medical Officers. There were no cases of contagious or infectious disease among the inmates of the Home. Several Officers and Seamen of the Merchant Service were maintained in the Home after their funds had been exhausted and until they were able to obtain employment. The messing arrangements were carried out as in the previous year and gave satisfaction.— The inmates of the Home were treated to an excellent dinner on Xmas day out of the funds of the Home. They were again entertained to a good dinner on New Year's day given by the Contractor of the Home. The Library has been well supplied with English newspapers and periodicals, the cost as heretofore being defrayed from the interests accruing from the Henry Memorial Fund. About 80 books were presented to the Library, and a Billiard Table was placed for the use of Seamen. The Billiard Table in the Officers' Room was much appreciated and constantly used by the Officers staying in the Home.

The Directors also tender their thanks to the Lord Commissioners of the Admiralty for their grant of newspapers and periodicals of the value of £12 per annum. The following changes have taken place on the Board during the year.—E. Y. Watson, Esq., joined the Board to fill a vacant seat. The Directors have to thank the Honorary Medical Officer for his continued gratuitous services. Mr. J. H. Downing, the Superintendent of the Home, continues to conduct his duties in an efficient manner and to the satisfaction of the Board.

The report of the Directors together with the statement of accounts, was received and adopted, and it was directed that they be printed and circulated in the usual manner. The thanks of the meeting were accorded to the President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and Honorary Medical Officer for their services during the year. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

RUNNING TRAIN THEFTS.

Alarming Cases on the E. I. R.

A BISHOP ROBBED.

DURING the last few days several cases of running train thefts have been reported on the E. I. R.

On the 30th ultimo, Mr. Henry Elworthy, general manager of Messrs. F. C. Osler & Co., of Calcutta, was travelling by the up Bombay mail in a first-class compartment. He went to sleep after having properly secured his trunk and the other luggage which he had with him in the car. The doors of the compartment were as usual locked on one side. At about three o'clock in the morning he awoke and found that the trunk was missing. After a search it was found open in the lavatory, evidently having been ransacked and nineteen G. C. notes of Rs. 10 each had been extracted.

In another case Bishop Robinson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was travelling in a first class carriege of the 3 up Bombay mail a few days ago At 2 A M when the train came to a full stop at Gomah, a station on the Grand Chord line, Mr. Robinson, who had been asleep woke up and heard a trampling sound coming from the direction of the bath room. He called out to ask who was there, but received an indistinct reply. As the door of the lavatory was closed from the inside, he though simply that the man must be a railway employee, Shortly after, however, the man got down near the Gomah station through the lavatory window. He was wearing a guard's serge uniform with a helmet. Mr. Robinson's suspicion was not even then aroused, as his things appeared to be all right. Subsequently, however, he discovered that his coapochet had been searched by somebody, things had been put in the wrong pockets, and two sovereigns and five rupees were missing from his purse. A bunch of keys was also missing. It appeared probable that the burglar had secured the keys from the coat-pocket but could not open the boxes and remove articles of value for want of time In another case, Mr. Shepherd an engineer of Messrs. Shaw Wallace & Co. of Calcutta who was travelling by the 28 down passengers on Thursday last from Mogul Sarai to Gya, lost a box containing wearing apparal and jewellery while he was asleep. Afterwards the same box was found by the police in a broken condition lying on the railroad near the Phasar station, but the content were missing. They were subsequently traced to the possession of a man whose case is now *sub judice* These cases should serve as a warning to passengers to adopt every precaution for the protection of their property when travelling by night.

MR. DAVID WILLCOX, head of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company, and a lover of birds and animals, has voluntarily given up the income of £20,000 which was bequeathed to him for life by his brother, the late Albert Willcox, and has turned over not only the principal, but also interest past and future to the National Association of Audubon Societies in America. The association employs men to protect the birds in reservations, teaches farmers the value of the feathered tribes as insect killers, and appeals to the legislature for proper laws.

S. P. C. K. MEETING.

LAST evening a meeting of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was held in the Cathedral Boys' School, Fort, the Ven'ble Archdeacon Dickins, presiding. There was a large and appreciative audience, in fact all the principal ladies and gentlemen interested in the Society, attended the function. The Chairman opened the proceedings and made a few remarks dwelling upon the good and noble work which the Society has been doing for the last so many years. He was glad to notice a progress all round and an increased interest manifested therein. The Report included several items which they should not fail to appreciate as there was a devotion and selflessness on the part of the workers. The Honorary Secretary read the Report, which showed :

The Report stated:—"The amount realised as proceeds of books sold through the Society's Book Depot in Bombay has been in excess of that received last year. Not only has it been found unnecessary to indent so largely upon the Parent Society for goods this year in consequence of the additional purchases made last year, but the yield of the enlarged stock has made it possible to increase considerably the remittances made to the Parent Society during the year under review. Thus while in the past year, purchases from the Parent Society have amounted to a value of only £173-4-8 as against £286-5-2 last year or a sum less than the latter by £113-0-6, it has been possible to remit to the Parent Society a sum of £220 as against £194 only last year, or an increase of £26, with the satisfactory result that the balance due to the Parent Society which stood on the 1st of January 1906 at £170-15-9 had become reduced by the 31st of December of the same year to £124-0-5, representing a diminution effected during the year of £46-15-4. The attaintment of this result so far from causing an impediment to the dealings of the Book Depot with other book-selling agencies than that of the Parent Society, has run parallel with a distinct development in that direction the transaction of the Depot with various book-selling firms in England other than the Society having been to the extent of £106-11-8 as against only £44-18-2 in the previous year, showing thus an increase of trade of £61-13-6 in one year. Looking to the audited balance sheet of assets and liabilities it is finally satisfactory to observe that it shows this year an excess of assets over liabilities amounting to Rs. 4891-13-10 which is an increase to the good of Rs. 787-6-7 over the corresponding balance of last year. Reviewing, therefore, the financial position of the Bombay Diocesan Branch of the Society as a whole, it is submitted that it may be regarded as satisfactory, inviting the hope that gradually the chief need of the Society's Book Depot may be supplied by the building up of a larger capital.

It is matter for congratulation to be able to report a decided improvement in the income of the Society under the head of Offertories Rs. 849-15-6 having been received through Offertories during the past year, as against Rs. 597-9-9 only in the year proceeding, or an improvement of Rs. 252-5-9. In time it may be hoped, it will be realized that the claims of the Society entitle to a yearly Offertory from each Church in the Diocese.

Although in the matter of subscription it is again satisfactory to record an increase of Rs. 82 during the year under notice received by subscriptions, it could be wished that a fuller recognition of the Society's claims existed in this direction. The Committee, who are desirous to see the Church's laymen more strongly represented with them on their Committee, would draw the attention of their lay fellow-Churchmen to the fact that they become members of the Society, and consequently eligible for election on to its Select Committee, by virtue of a yearly subscription of not less than Rs. 10. From the double view, therefore, of increased financial support to the Society, and for the sake of the franchise conferred thereby, which is capable of so much wider research, they plead with Church laymen for an increase of support.

A work of no small utility to the Indian Church which has been undertaken by the Committee during the past year by means of its local funds requires to be mentioned here. It had been strongly felt that the issue of a four-anna abridged edition of the Marathi Prayer Book on a former occasion had served an important purpose, and was urgently needed again. The opportunity of providing it at some effort was afforded by the setting up in type of the new complete edition above, alluded to, as being produced by means of the Parent Society's grant. Additional sheets printed from the type thus set up could be produced at cost far below that involved by setting up the type on purpose. A book to sell at four annas, produced even in this way, could, however, only be produced at a very considerable loss, amounting to Rs. 390 on 3,000 copies. This outlay, in addition to the balance still outstanding on the older edition, the Bombay Committee have undertaken to meet out of their own income through subscriptions and offertories during the current year. The effort will tax their resources considerably, but they have undertaken it under the sense of its great importance to the Church in this Diocese. They would invite the attention of their supporters to the effort thus made, as an indication of the fact that they regard the field of the operations of the local branch of the Society as something more than merely bound up in the maintenance of its Book Depot. The latter they desire to see as far as possible supporting itself on a commercial basis, and on the ground of the wider aims and efforts of the Society they appeal for the wider and more general support of Churchmen.

GENERAL.

The duties of Honorary Treasurer were carried on during most of the year by Mr. W. J. Mathew, until suddenly interrupted by the serious illness of the latter, necessitating a visit to England for recoupment. Our former friend, Mr. J. W. Aspinwall, who for years formerly had filled the post, has been good enough to step into the breach, and once more to serve till Mr. Mathew's return. Mr. C. B. Jeaffreson who, for seven years running had been good enough to audit our accounts, being on furlough to England this year, that duty has been performed by the kindness of Mr. J. L. Williams, to whom the thanks of the Committee are due for the same.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. W. HAWES, COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, April 11.

233 STRENGTH.

The following member having resigned is struck off the strength of the corps :—

Br N George No 1 Com from 9th April 1907.

F. C. JENKIN, Lieut., R. A.
Adjutant B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, April 11.

4 Leave—The Commanding Officer is pleased to grant leave of absence to Major P R Caddell, from the 16th April to 14th July 1907.

5 Casualty—The Commanding Officer regrets to have to announce the death of No 5757 Vol A E Leslie, "D" Company, which took place at Bombay on the 8th instant. The deceased Volunteer is hereby struck off the strength.

No 6—Annual Rifle Meeting—The remaining Matches of the Annual Rifle Meeting Programme will be fired on the G I P Rly Rifle Range at Ghat Kopar as under :—

Thursday the 11th instant—
Match—No 7 commencing at 7 a.m.
Match—No 11 for Cadet Recruits at 9 a.m.
Match—No 8 for Instructors at 11 a.m.
Friday the 12th instant—
Team Match—No 18 consisting of teams of 8 from each Coy. Other conditions will be found on page 26 of the A R M Programme.
The Blaney Challenge Cup for Cadets to commence at 9 a.m. Conditions will be found on page 29 A R M Progr mme.
Saturday the 13th instant—
Team Match—No 9 The Nicholson Challenge Cup conditions on page 23 A R M Programme.
Sunday the 14th instant—
Team Match—No 13 Marching competition parade at Kurla at 6-45 a.m. Other conditions will be found on page 21, A R M Programme.
Monday the 15th instant—
Team Match—No 14 The Bayley Company Challenge Shield Conditions on page No 22 A R M Programme.

NOTE—All individual Matches must be completed or forfeited by Saturday the 13th instant.

G. D. PRICE, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The following is the comparative statement of traffic earnings for week ending 30th March.

	Coaching Traffic	Goods Traffic	Sundry Receipts.	Total for the week.
Approximate earnings for week ending 30th March 07—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
G I P Rly. Section	3,68,851	10,17,993	17,493	13,24,747
I M R system	2,50,505	1,96,324	6,556	4,53,384
A D C Rly	14,816	22,919	70	37,505
Baran-Kotah Rly.	....	1,349	....	1,349
Total...	6,34,172	12,38,585	24,121	18,21,985
Actuals for corresponding week ending 31st March 06—				
G I P R. Section	3,37,457	8,82,936	17,210	12,37,594
I M R system	21,174	1,43,607	7,238	2,42,019
A D C Rly	16,110	13,123	85	29,228
Baran-Kotah Ry.	....	....	....	..
Total...	4,44,667	10,39,758	24,492	15,08,911
Increase (G I P R.	— 48,176	+1,35,055	+ 274	+ 87,153
or (I M R.	— 29,612	+. 52,697	+ 650	+ 76,365
Decrease (A D C Rly	— 1,294	+. 8,796	+ 5	+ 8,307
(Baran-Kotah Ry	....	+ 1,349	....	+ 1,349

NOTE—Corrected with Audited figures up to 23rd Feb 1907.

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OUR SERIAL STORY.

THE CROOKED WAY.

BY

WILLIAM LE QUEUX,

Author of "Whatsoever a Man Soweth," "In White Raiment," "Of Royal Blood," "Whoso Findeth a Wife," "The Day of Temptation," &c., &c.

CHAPTER XXIX.—A CONFESSION.

Directly the dining room door closed behind them, Bob said :

"The doctor has made his examination of Dowse and finds as he feared, that his back is broken, and that he can last a very short time longer; his lower limbs are practically dead already ; he has no feeling in them."

"I thought it must be a case of that kind when I heard about it in the village this morning," said Desborough.

"He knows he's dying, in fact he felt it before the doctor told him just now, but he wants to ease his mind of something. I've sent for the nearest magistrate, the clergymen here, I suppose it would be the best plan."

"Certainly, but if there's not much time to spare let him say what he has to say and we can write it down, and then he can sign it before him, if he comes in time ; but on no account waste time."

"No; come on, there are pens and paper in the room; I saw them."

When they entered, the doctor was holding a glass to the dying man's lips, and in a sense he appeared to be stronger, but the doctor whispered "Don't delay, he may go very soon, I can't answer for him for long."

"You want to say something, Dowse. I understand, " said Bob, taking the doctor's place ; "but whatever you do say we shall write down, and if you should recover it may be used against you."

"I shan't recover, Mr. Bob. I'm going fast, but I can't die and let another man suffer. When Master Roy was taken I knew I must speak, but I made one try to help him, to set him free, but the rope was an old one, and here I am. Mr. Roy never killed Mrs. Inwood, it was I as did it. I killed her, and up to now I've thought she deserved it, but now when one's dying, one sees things different."

"You mean that really, James? You confess that you killed Mrs. Inwood? Think what you're saying," said Bob solemnly.

"Yes."

"And Mr. Roy had nothing to do with it?"

"Nothing ; I did it myself, and he knew nothing about it at the time." Desborough was seated at the table writing rapidly, while Bob spoke to the man, and the doctor kept his hand on his pulse.

"It was in this way," he continued. "Master Roy had been down here a day or two before, and had told me how he was like to become a bankrupt, and that things had all gone wrong with him when he wanted to get married to Miss Clifford. And he wouldn't listen to me when I said a word or two against the woman, and then when he was gone back to town my head seemed to go all queer, and I wasn't sure of myself, and what I did. But one thing grew clearer, it was those women who were bringing Master Roy to trouble and if they were out of the way he'd get on all right. And I thought and I thought, and every minute it seemed to grow clearer, and I heard voices telling me to put them out of the way, and that if I was to save Master Roy I must do it. And all night I could get no sleep for the voices went on 'Kill them! Kill them!' they said, and I found myself telling the squire about it, and he seemed to say 'Kill them,' too, but I tried not to listen. I knew my head was queer ; it always has been at times since I came from India, but I kept it to myself. And then something told me to go to London and speak to Master Roy and he'd help me. I waited, and still they kept on saying 'Kill them!' till I did not know what I was doing, my head was so bad. And one afternoon I told them here I was going out, and shouldn't be in till late and got the cook to look to the squire and give him his supper, and that I would let myself in by the window, so they weren't to sit up for me, and I went up to town."

"Rest a minute, Dowse, and drink this," said the doctor, for the voice was failing, and the weakness was returning.

The dying man obeyed, and then after a minute, continued—

"Let me get on, or I shan't have strength. When I got to town, Master Roy was not at the office, and they did not know where he was, and the noise and the bustle made me worse than ever. Every cart and bus that passed me in the street seemed to shout 'Kill them! Kill them!' and I felt I must. I'd fought as long as I could, and I could fight no more. I would kill them.

"Then I found myself outside Miss Clifford's office door. I don't know how I got there. I knew the way, for I'd once been with a note for Master Roy, and I heard that machine of hers going inside the room, and it, too, said 'Kill them! Kill them!' I pushed open the door quietly, and looked in. There was no one there, and still the machine went on 'Kill them! Kill them!' I crept in, and in the open safe was what I needed, a dagger. I seized it, and was going to burst into the inner room when I remembered a kind message she had sent me by Master Roy, and I stopped, and though the machine was still crying out 'Kill them! Kill them!' I couldn't, I couldn't, and I ran down the stairs and out into the street. And then I don't know what happened, or where I went or what I did only my head grew worst, and the voices louder, and everyone I passed seemed to whisper 'Kill them! Kill them!' Its dark when I found my steps carrying me to Cumberland Terrace, for I knew the house where Mrs. Inwood lived, and saw her and her husband come home in the carriage, and I walked about and tried to go away, but the voices would not let me ; I was their slave, bound body and soul.

"Someone came from the house, entered a hansome and drove off. My time was at hand. Mrs. Inwood was alone. Gradually all the lights went out, except in the lower room. I was creeping up to the house when footsteps sounded along the street. I hid. It was Master Roy. Now I would speak to him, and tell him everything, but instead of coming towards me he turned up to the house. 'Kill them! Kill them!' shouted the voices louder than ever. I saw him tap at the window, and then the door was quietly opened and he entered.

"My heart changed to fire, my brain seemed to boil. Here was the secret of Master Roy's difficulties. This was where all his money went. Her husband was away, and he was with her. The voices changed—'Kill her! Kill her!' they shrieked.

"I had no wish to thwart them now. I would obey, and obey gladly. I drew out my weapon, and felt its edge. It was keen as a razor. My nerves were strung taut as steel wire. I walked to the door and tried it ; it was shut. I had forgotten about that in my excitement—I had a key in my pocket, it might open it, I was inserting it in the key hole, when the door was opened from within and a voice in the darkness said :

"'Arthur, did you miss your train or——.' They were the last words that passed those lips. My hand was over her mouth. I forced her back, past a room in which a light was burning, through an open doorway, and then—then—" and the voice failed once more, and the doctor again held the glass to the lips already losing their colour.

"Ah! I remember how the dagger refused to come away, as I laid the body down on the floor. But I tore it out, and cast it from me. I was

THE LADIES' CORNER.

RETURN OF THE FICHU.

Quite a number of the newest evening gowns have their bodices trimmed with a fichu arrangement of point d'esprit or spangled tulle, writes our lady correspondent in Paris. The latter material is in great favour this year, and it looks specially effective when combined with pale-hued satins or with mirror velvets in pastel tints. When I speak of a "fichu arrangement" I do not mean a real fichu, though these picturesque additions to the toilette are also very fashionable. I mean a shaped piece of point d'esprit, or spangled tulle drawn tightly over the shoulders and caught in at the bust with large flowers in passementerie, or with flat bows of satin. A ball dress which showed this particular style of bodice was composed of chalk-white satin, the skirt trimmed with a deep flounce of white tulle spangled with gold. On the edge of this flounce there was a narrow fringe of gold tinsel, and the flounce was headed by some fine embroideries in gold threads and seed pearls. The satin bodice was pointed in front and tight-fitting. Over the shoulders there was a quaint little fichu of the spangled tulle, the latter edged with fringe to match the skirt frill, and at the bust there were simulated roses worked in gold threads and seed pearls. The outline of the bodice was 1860, but the tulle fichu gave a soft effect to the shoulders, and it was altogether eminently becoming. With this pretty gown a sash of pale-rose chiffon was worn, the ends fringed and embroidered in gold.

TRAVELLING TEACHERS OF COOKING.

In Klagenfurt, the capital of Karinthia, there exists a club called "People's Kitchen," which is doing such good work that it has succeeded in getting a subvention of 500kr., about £20, annually from the Ministry of Education. This club has instituted a working women's cookery school, which is flourishing, and has also instituted a course for travelling teachers, who in their turn go forth to teach cooking in distant villages. Two travelling teachers have already started on their missions, while several others are still graduating in the institution.

ELABORATE EVENING GOWNS.

To judge by the stage dresses in "John Glayde's Honour" at the St. James's Theatre, and here we have the very latest Paris creations, evening gowns will be very elaborately embroidered again, especially in stripes of gold or silver from waist to hem of the skirts, and brilliant colour effects will be general; the latest sleeves are exploited here most successfully, and the two charming wraps are quite the "dernier cri." Flame colour satin being one, a most original and elegant confection, and a very delightful grey-blue cloth, which is also the latest style launched. Both in evening and day gowns the keynote of fashion is struck throughout the four acts of this play.

THE RUCHE TRIMMING.

A pleasing idea, which I am told will be very popular, is that of trimming bright coloured taffetas or satin gowns with ruches of black; this does not sound very attractive, I admit but my informant tells me she has seen two of these models and that the effect is really most delightfully bizarre. One was in venetian red and another in apple-leaf green. I hear also of white taffetas gowns being ruched with black, which are said to be charmingly fresh looking. With these latter a long scarf of some pale tint is worn, draped around the shoulders, and hangs in long ends about the figure.

MARRIAGE OF MISS DEANE.

Cellebrations at Government House, Peshawar.

In St. John's Church, Peshawar, on Tuesday, the 2nd instant, was solemnised the marriage of Miss Deane, elder daughther of Colonel Sir Harold Deane, K. C.S.I., Chief Commissioner of the North-West Frontier Province, with Mr. F. H. Humphreys, I.A., late Presonal Assistant to the Chief Commissioner.

The church was beautifully decorated with white lilies and other white flowers and masses of green, the choir stalls being almost completely hidden. A large space had been cleared in front of the chancel steps, producing a cathedral effect, and allowing the wedding party to be well in view of every one. Colonel the Hon'ble H. E. Maxwell, Black Watch, officiated at the organ, the Black Watch orchestra, under the direction of Mr. P. O'Donnell, adding much to the effect. The choir, augmented by most of the ladies in Peshawar who sing, was successful and effective.

The bridegroom, supported by his bestman, Mr. Jelf, took his position near the chancel steps shortly after the arrival of Lady Deane and her younger daughter, Mrs. Dick Cunyngham, and then followed the expectant hush which always precedes the arrival of the bride, who was the customary few minutes late. To the strains of the "Lobengrin Wedding Chorus" she came up the aisle on her father's arm, followed by four tiny bridesmaids, the Misses Eve Rawlinson, Western, Sherer and Gunning, and two grown up ones, Miss Porter (cousin of the bridegroom) and Miss Dennys. The two first named very young ladies carried the bride's long court train, the smaller one having much difficulty in keeping herself disentangled.

The Lord Bishop of Lahore, assisted by the Rev. H. W. Fagan, performed the ceremony, the bride making her responses with sweetness and distinctness. The choir sang a psalm and—after the bridal couple had approached the altar—"The voice that breathed o'er Eden." The Bishop made a brief but beautiful and moving address to the newly married couple, and after the blessing the choir sang "Oh! Perfect Love," while the wedding party proceeded to the vestry to sign the register. As they emerged, organ and orchestra burst into the "Wedding March" of Mendelssohn and the bridal party passed down the aisle, followed by the Government House party and then the other guests, all proceeding to Government House for the reception which followed the ceremony. Upon leaving the church each guest was presented with a wedding favour of white flowers tied with white satin ribbon.

At Government House in spite of the exceedingly hot day, everything looked cool and green: velvety lawns, dazzling flowerbeds, and playing fountains, all combining to delight the eye, while the scent of many orange blossoms appropriately filled the air. A large *shamiana* was erected on the lawn and here Sir Harold and Lady Deane received their guests who passed in to where the bridal pair stood beneath a huge bell of white flowers, receiving congratulations and good wishes. Champagne was served and all drank the bride's health, proposed by General Sir Edmund Barrow. The bride then cut the wedding cake, a beautiful and elaborate three-tiered structure over 3 feet high, gorgeously decorated with garlands and silver leaves and various other devices. Later, tea and ices were served. The band of the Gordon Highlanders played appropriate selections and while the wedding party was being photographed the guests strolled about enjoying the music or went up to the house to view the large and handsome collection of wedding presents. Over the entrance door was hung a short curtain of orange blossoms with beautiful effect.

All waited to see Mr. and Mrs. Humphreys take their departure which they did in a state carriage and four horses, the former being decorated with a white satin shoe—the latter with large white wedding favours. The carriage was preceded by the mounted lancers of the 19th Cavalry. Amid a shower of rose-leaves and to the strains of the "Wedding March" the newly married pair started for Abuzai, where they are to be for a brief honeymoon before sailing for England on six months' leave.

The bride wore an exceedingly rich and handsome gown of white satin made a la Princesse with tiny ruches of satin down each seam finishing at the lower part of the skirt in scroll effect. The corsage was trimmed with tulle embroidered in pearls and was cut V-shape. The sleeves had the fashionable kimono effect, and dainty little puffs of tulle came from underneath. The long and elegant court train was of moire silk, trimmed with tulle and sprays of orange blossom while her tulle veil was exquisitely arranged over a half-wreath of orange blossoms. The bride's bouquet was a handsome one of white lilies, and as ornaments she wore a diamond star (gift of the bridegroom) a single row of pearls and a diamond and ruby pendant. The going-away gown was a skirt of beige heavy silk (like tussore) and smart dust-cloak to match, with dainty blouse of white lace, a bit of gold braid and tassels adding a French touch to the last. Her hat was an intensely becoming one of tulle and lace with tiny pale blue velvet ribbon giving a bit of color.

The bridesmaids were picturesque frocks of white satin made after those in Vandyck's, well-known picture of Charles I's children, the fascinating little caps of lace being particularly charming and becoming. The tiny bridesmaids were perfect little pictures, and the two older ones hardly less attractive.

Lady Deane wore an extremely smart and French looking gown of pale silver-grey taffeta trimmed with rich lace and touches of pale blue velvet. The skirt had a panel effect with ruches of the grey down the front. Her pale tulle hat with blue ostrich plume was smart and becoming in the extreme and her large bouquet of pink roses tied with wide pink ribbon was beautiful.

THE Queen of Spain has a passion for open windows. Upon entering the palace at Madrid the other day, she ordered all the windows to be opened at once, and, in consequence, sixteen ladies became incapable of attending upon her, as they all caught chills.

BY THE WAY.

THE PROGRESS OF THE "RHODESTER."

THE recent selection of a Rhodes Scholar as Captain of the Rugby Union at Oxford serves to show the remarkable way in which the "Rhodester" has made his influence felt in the University. The first Rhodes Scholar to be elected skipper of a 'Varsity club was Mr. E. R. Paterson, of Balliol, the representative of Toronto. Mr. Paterson came over with a big reputation for lawn-tennis, having won the singles championship of Canada. Once in Oxford he set about maintaining his reputation by capturing the 'Varsity Singles, taking the Half-Blue, and being elected President of the O. U. L. T. C. The new Rugby cantain, Mr. W. W. Hoskin, is a South African. He matriculated in the same year as Mr. Paterson, and Trinity welcomed him as an undergraduate. In his first term Mr. Hoskin got his Blue for Rugby, and in the summer he not only played cricket in the Freshers' match, but engaged in lawntennis on behalf of his College.

IN "SCHOOLS."

The record of the "Rhodesters" in the schools is, if possible, more brilliant than that on the playing-fields. Last year the results reached a very high standard. Altogether fifteen of the men were entered for final honours, and of these more than 50 per cent. secured the much-prized "First." Australia supplied four of the First Class men, the United States two, and Canada one. Moreover, a Canadian took the Ireland Scholarship founded "for the promotion of classical learning and taste;" an Australian the Vinerian Scholarship, of a total value of £240, for Civil Law, International Law, and "especially the Law of England, both public and private;" a Canadian was awarded the Gladstone Prize for the best historical essay, and an Australian took the B. C. L. degree with First Class honours. It is worthy of special note that this year's Vinerian Scholarship, just awarded, has gone to Mr. W. A. Barton, of Magdalen, who is also a Rhodes Scholar.

THE PRICE OF CONSOLS.

What (asks "J.J.R.") was the lowest price ever touched by Consols? In 1823, when they were 3 per cent., the price would seem to have been down to just over 80, from the last line of the second of four stanzas which appeared in a "New Monthly Magazine" for that year. The subject is 'Newspaper," and the lines run thus:

Pall-mall, Allen, chairs and tables,
Major Cartwright, iron cables;
Smithfield, price of veal and mutton,
Villa-bill a mile from Sinton;
Yearly meeting, lots of Quakers,
Freehold farm of forty acres.
* * * *
Flanket, playhouse, Orange faction,
Consols eighty and a fraction.

RUSKIN ON CHEAP LITERATURE.

What is an author to do when a stranger writes to him complaining of the price of his books? Ruskin, it is recorded by the "Great Central Railway Journal," which prints the letter for the first time, wrote as follow:

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Have not you Shakespeare, cheap? And the Bible nowadays for nothing? What good do they do you?—Faithfully yours, J. Ruskin. The book sent was "Munera Pulveris."

THE MIGRATION OF BIRDS.

Some interesting particulars on this subject are supplied by a naturalist contributor to the *Scotsman*. The routes by which birds pass to and fro from one country to another in spring and autumn are regularly followed. One great thoroughfare, of course, is in the spring from south to north, and conversely in the autumn from north to south another is south-east to north-west; a third south-west to north-east, with the return to the same starting-points. The great southern wintering region is south of the north of Africa and extends to far beyond the Equator, and from it, under the breeding instinct in spring, birds hurry away to disperse themselves over the wide-spreading Palearctic or northern lands, which extend as far, in the case of some species, as a long way within the Arctic Circle. South of the Equator during the northern winter the migrants fly towards the South Pole to breed. The seasonal range limit of some of the northern breeding birds is enormous—several extending from Patagonia to Greenland.

ENORMOUS DISTANCES COVERED.

All migratory-birds have not the same range; some fly longer, some shorter, distances. The best known of all the birds of passage, "the swallow," has one of the longest ranges—from 7,000 to 10,000 miles. In this extended range are also included such birds as the grey plover, the knot the pectoral, and curlew sandpipers, and the Asiatic golden plover. The "long range"—from 6,000 to 7,000 miles—includes such well-known birds as the cuckoo, the corncrake, the sedge-warbler, the green-shank; the "moderate range"—from 3,000 to 5,000 miles—embraces the turtle-dove, the crane, lapwing, mallard, and jack-snipe; the third range—from 1,000 to 2,000 miles—such birds as the wood-chat shrike, the stone-curlew, the woodcock, and black tern; and in what is called "the restricted area"—with a mileage of 1,000 miles downwards—there are the waxwings, several gulls, and the Eider duck.

LADIES OF MANY INCHES.

As tested by the tape-measure, Marie Fassnauer, the Tyrolean giantess, might make an excellent claim to be the "greatest" woman who has ever lived. In one of her dimensions, however, that of height, she has had a formidable predecessor in "Marian," who looked down on her London admirers a quarter of a century ago from an altitude of 8ft. 2in. So "long-drawn out" was Marian, who appeared as the Amazon Princess in "Babil and Bijou" at the Alhambra, that a tall Lifeguardsman, helmet and all, could walk comfortably under her outstretched arm; while she added to her inches a beautifully proportioned figure and a pretty face. Another exalted lady whom some of our readers may have seen was Miss Anna H. Swan, the Novia Scotian giantess, who paid two visits to England in 1869 and 1870. At eleven Miss Swan was two yards high; and in her prime she was but two inches short of 8ft.; and yet, tall as she was, she found a husband whom she could look up to in Captain Bates, known to fame as the "Kentucky Giant."

A GREAT LANDSCAPE PAINTER.

In the *Shilling Burlington* for March Professor C. J. Holmes gives an interesting account of the great landscape painter Matthew. Maris, whose wonderful landscape "The Outskirts of a Town" in the collection of the Prime Minister, is the central attraction of the exhibition at Edinburgh. It may not be generally known, that Maris, who is the most gentle and retiring of men, occupies a modest lodging at Hampstead, where he lives the life of a recluse, known only to a few old friends. It was in 1868 that he joined his brother James, like himself an artist, in Paris, and they underwent all the privations of the siege. Pictures became unsaleable, and Matthew, not wishing to become dependent on his brother, joined the National Guard for the sake of the modest pay (1.50fr. per day) that accrued from enlistment. Never since the days of Coleridge did a more unwarlike recruit adopt the profession of arms!

THE WANDERER.

Like furnace am I sighing,
Like furnace could I roar,
For my one thought is flying
The home I loved of yore.

Though all the ills there are bore
Down here to slay my bliss,
From all such ills a harbour
Of refuge once was this.

But now from home an exile
(It is no home for me),
An I full of cares that vex, I'll
Spend hours of misery.

My bosom's partner, scorning
Her duty and my woe,
At very break of morning
Would smile to see me go.

Yet such the state I am in,
She'll sometimes speak to me,
In pity of my famine,
Of plenteous meals to be.

But long ago within her
Must care for me have ceased,
For what a thing is dinner,
That Barmecidal feast!

In me new griefs, alas! stir,
Until I feel fordone;
That annual disaster,
Spring cleaning, has begun!

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MEN AND MATTERS.

TORY HOSTESSES.

No one will deny that our Tory hostesses bear the palm in brilliant hospitality. These are now represented by the Duchess of Buccleuch, Lady Lansdowne, Lady Salisbury, and Miss Alice Balfour, who, with her brother, Mr. Arthur Balfour, often gives parties during the sitting of Parliament. Lady Cadogan is now no more and Lady Londonderry has not yet emerged from her recent mourning. The Duchess of Buccleuch is the daughter and wife of a duke and has been Mistress of the Robes for almost twenty years. But, like many meaner morials, she suffers from the fact of being misunderstood. On account of her great dignity of look and manner she is often regarded as an awe-inspiring personage; but in real truth she can be as genial as she is kind-hearted, children are her delight and her conversation is both humorous and brilliant. And, oddly enough she has become known to her intimates by the unsuitable nickname of "Tiny." The Duchess of Buccleuch owns splendid jewels. Her emeralds are famous, and her diamond belt is most magnificent. Her sister, Lady Lansdowne, is a younger woman, gracious and refined, and with more of modern versatility. Her jewels are also regal, and she has a five-row pearl necklace of great value and beauty. Lansdowne House lends itself well to hospitality. The sculpture gallery contains a priceless collection of statues, and in the garden stands a classic stone temple, one of the *chefs-d'œuvre* of Sir Robert Adam. Lady Salisbury is a young and pretty woman, who, since her husband's succession to the title, has gone in for extreme smartness. Yet she has many rural interests, is a poultry fancier, and does much to encourage the egg and poultry trade in the neighbourhood of Hatfield. Her house in Arlington Street is gloomy but handsome. It has painted ceilings, a fine staircase, and a stately corridor. Miss Alice Balfour is—in the apt phrase of Mrs. Humphry Ward —"one of those single women travelled, cultivated, and good, that England produces in such abundance." The Duchess of Devonshire holds pride of place as a hostess, but her parties are smart and amusing rather than strictly political.

LIBERAL HOSTESSES.

Death seems to have cast a dark shadow over the ranks of Liberal entertainers. The Prime Minister, the Foreign Secretary, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and the Lord Chamberlain are all widowers; and so also is Lord Spencer, who has let Spencer House to Baron and Baroness de Forest. Brook House, once owned by Lord Tweedmouth, now belongs to Sir Ernest Cassel, and Harcourt House, in Cavendish Square, has ceased to be the home of Lord and Lady Broadalbane. And Lady Aberdeen reigns in Dublin, instead of entertaining in Grosvenor Street. All this proves that the party in power may do little in the way of entertainments. However, there remain some women of position who are safe to send out their welcome invitations. Lord Carrington is now President of the Board of Agriculture, and Lady Carrington may do some hospitalities. She was a Harbord, and has always stood high in the favour of Royalty. Her manners have much charm, and she is still pretty and attractive, in spite of having been for some years a grandmother. During the time of Lord Carrington's Governorship in New South Wales her popularity passed into a proverb, and the story goes that when she left Sydney she received such a mass of bouquets that they had to be put in charge of a special aide-de-camp. Lady Crewe intends to open Crewe House during this coming season. She received recent mention in *M. A. P.*, but a word may now be said on her childhood.

A STORY.

Lord Rosebery gave much time to his daughters, and the then Lady Peggy was his constant companion. From her earliest years she had been surrounded by famous men, and she was but two months old when Mr. Gladstone stayed as a guest at Dalmeny during his first campaign in Midlothian. And such men as Professor Blackie and Oliver Wendell Holmes declared themselves charmed by her childish fascinations. At six years old a quaint remark of her was quoted by Lord Rosebery in one of his political speeches. He related how her nurse once noticed that she looked tired and worried, and said: "My dear, you should not think so much." "But nurse, I cannot make my mind lie down," was the answer of this young irrepressible. Crewe House lends itself well to brilliant entertainments. It is one of the few old Georgian houses still left in Mayfair, and has a big ballroom which contains a splendid gilt mirror and some fine Chippendale furniture.

Lady Beauchamp may, perhaps, give parties at her new house in Belgrave Square, and, if so, these will combine Grosvenor smartness with the steady purpose of politics. Lady Portsmouth has already begun her receptions in Mansfield Street. She is a clever, capable woman, and belongs by birth to one of those old Quaker families that have been called the backbone of England. Lady Weardale, handsome, wealthy, and our Russian peeress, will, as usual, give smart parties at her house in Carlton Gardens; and Lady Denman, wife of a Lord-in-Waiting, is safe to entertain at her mother's (Lady Pearson) splendid abode in Carlton House Terrace. Lady Denman is fond of sport, hunts, and plays hockey; and is the lucky owner of a rope of 400 pearls, each pearl valued at £150. Lady Colebrooke has much beauty, is a born hostess, said to aim at a *salon*, and her brilliant parties at Stratford House have of late become celebrated. Foreign Office parties seem to be things of the past, but some entertaining may be done at the Admiralty by Lord Tweedmouth and his mother, Lady Tweedmouth.

ANOTHER STORY.

The "First Lord's" name recalls a story that may not be generally known. When Lord Tweedmouth was Mr. Edward Marjoribanks, and Liberal member for Berwickshire, two American ladies met him one day in the Lobby and asked to be shown around the Houses of Parliament. Mr. Marjoribanks did his duty as guide, and pointed out much that was of interest. The ladies were pleased with their escort, and the eldest of the two presented him with her thanks—and half-a-crown. That coin is now one of Lord Tweedmouths most precious possessions. Among others who will entertain before Easter are Lady Burghelere, in Charles Street, Lady Haversham, in Grosvenor Square, and Mrs. Asquith—the "Margot" Tennant of old days—whose smart dinners in Cavendish Square include the leading lights of both Government and Opposition.

OUR NAVAL PRINCES.

The interesting announcement by the Prince of Wales that his eldest son, Prince Edward, is to go to the Naval College in the Isle of Wight recalls some reminiscences of the time the Prince of Wales himself spent as a gay and vigorous middy. After a course on H.M.S. Britannia, as is well known, Prince George with his late elder brother, Prince Albert Victor, went on a couple of voyages in the Bacchante. Of the time spent on the Britannia, several good yarns are told. Prince George gained a reputation for bonhomie and good fellowship, and was liked by all the other middies. One day seeing a brother officer looking very glum, the Prince, who knew that his friend had just failed to pass his exam., tapped him on the shoulder and said: "Never mind, old man. I'll write to my mother and see if you can get permission to try again." Though a most unusual proceeding, the desired permiss on was, through the Princess (now Queen Alexandra), granted, and the favoured one went up once more. Unfortunately, he was "plucked" again, and soon after left the service. During the voyage to South America in 1879 the two Princes attended a ball in Rio. Prince George, with his usual breeziness, danced with any of the pretty girls who took his fancy irrespective of their social position, and sadly neglected the bigwigs, much to the indignation of the latter. Prince Albert Victor, who more staid, was dutifully taking out the daughters of the chief citizens, at last remonstrated with his volatile brother. The reply he got was: "Oh, you go and sit down and whistle God save your grand-mother and let me alone!" And Prince George continued to enjoy himself after his own fashion.

THE OFFICER'S DILEMMA.

In the later voyage, round the world, an amusing incident occurred at Colombo, in Ceylon, where the *Bacchante* put in. A. P. and O. steamship was in the harbour, just about to sail, and, as is usual in such cases, a boat put off from the man-of-war, in charge of a middy, to place the mails on board the home-going liner. Arriving aboard the mail ship, the middy discharged his duty, but when about to return to his own ship he was accosted by a young officer of the liner, "Come below and have a little refreshment," said the officer. "Certainly; with pleasure," replied the middy. The latter ate a biscuit, with brandy-and-soda accompaniment, while, in the meantime, conversation was entered into. "By the way," remarked the officer of the liner, after some minutes, "you've got Prince George on board, haven't you? What a bore that must be! I should hate to serve on a ship with a Royal fellow. I suppose he's very particular, isn't he, and makes the men bow and scrape?" The midshipman laughed quietly.

SOME ROYAL LETTER-WRITERS.

"The official announcement concerning the publication of Queen Victoria's early letters reminds one," writes a correspondent, "of how very seldom the world is allowed to read the really intimate epistles written by even long dead Royal personages. The most interesting example of the kind is the volume, edited by Princess Christian, of the late Princess Alice's letters to Queen Victoria. But both historians and readers of all ranks are still awaiting eagerly a selection of the admirable letters, many of diary-like fulness, indited by the Empress Frederick both to her own mother and to certain untitled English friends honoured with the writer's friendship and confidence. Each of the late Sovereign's children were expected to write to her every day, and at certain intervals these letters—of unique value for the historian of the future—were bound into volumes and placed in a private library, to which, it need hardly be said, only the recipient of the letters could gain access."

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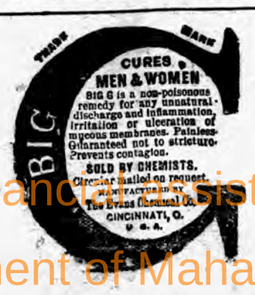
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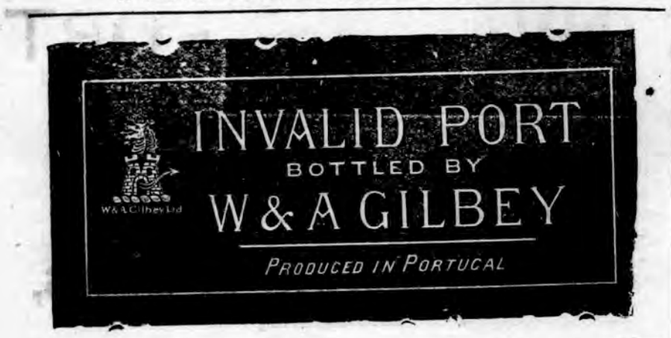

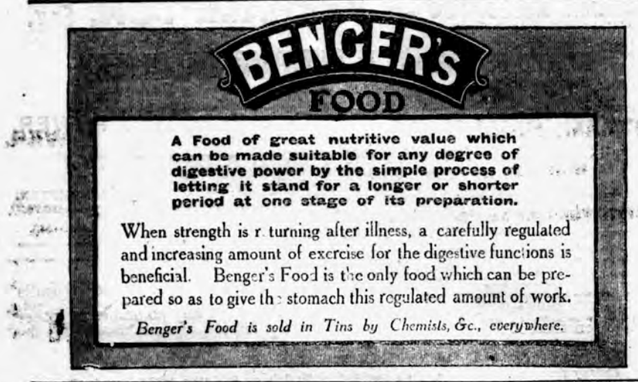
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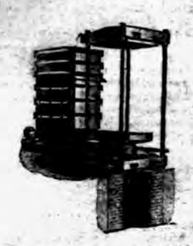

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